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The Meaning of Desiree's Loss

A short time ago my life was diminished. The woman who was my mother/sister/spiritual guide/teacher and best friend died of AIDS. Desiree was a woman who changed and enriched people's lives. Her death was not just the loss of a person, but of a tremendous and rare spiritual force and a source of boundless love.

So as I read Ggreg Taylor's article, (*SF Bay Times*, Aug. 27) "Sharing Ice Cream, Needles and the Passing of a Goddess" I was angered and appalled. I will give Taylor credit for recognizing some of Desiree's fine qualities, but it was obvious that he barely knew her at all and had focused on the least profound and most shocking of her traits, which made for sensational reading but for a very poor and misleading tribute to this phenomenal person. Only my trust that Taylor had intended well keeps me from calling his column an inexcusable insult. I would like to address a few glaring points in defense of she who can no longer do so herself.

First, I am a brother in Desiree's clan (the Joneses) and was one of her closest friends. But I never heard her referred to as "The Speed Witch." Although Desi was known to partake in chemically induced velocity, she had quit using quite some time ago, having decided it was too detrimental to her health. As for being a witch, Desi did refer to herself as such for lack of a better term. Her devotion to the Goddess and to ancient pagan traditions went far beyond those of the black-garbed, pentagram-wearing gameplayers brought to mind by the word "witch." Desi always resented being referred to as such by and to people who weren't her close friends.

Second, while it is true that Desiree used to hook in the Tenderloin, it had been a very long time since she had done that. I should also point out that as a Gnostic sister and a devotee of both the goddess Ishtar and the divine whore Mary Magdalene (beloved of Christ), Desiree saw prostitution as a sacred profession. She often told me that if the mind of the whore is free of shame and her intentions are pure, than her profession is a divine sharing of pleasure and love of humanity. This is a far cry from Taylor's seedy description. When Desiree was whoring she was acting as a priestess.

Last, a word about Desiree using syringes in a nightclub bathroom. Well, she probably did. But to say so in her death tribute is in very poor taste. Like many spiritualists, Desiree saw drugs not just as recreation, but as tools of psychic exploration and vehicles for inspiration and growth for those with strength to use them as such. In spite of what 12-steppers would have us believe, drugs have served this purpose in every civilization since the beginning of time. I'm not saying that Desi's use never slipped into abuse. She was only human. But to print in a public paper that she shot up in nightclub toilets is sheer sensationalism and irresponsible journalism. Statements such as those made by Taylor are vastly misleading and tend to foster unwarranted moral judgments and condemnations of people who deserve recognition and respect.

Sister Desi was almost a legend among the freefolk of San Francisco. Among acquaintances she was legendary for her stunning beauty and her flawless style, which she endlessly wove around herself with every word and gesture before our enraptured eyes. And she was a legend as well among her close friends and family for the extreme depth of her love, her astounding gift of insight, her vast spiritual knowledge and understanding of life and for her other blessings too numerous for words. For those of us who knew her well she was a personification of the Goddess: living proof that divine essences can manifest in human flesh.

To prevent this letter from degenerating into sugary rapture and bliss-sodden praises, I'll gladly admit to Desi's quirks and "imperfections." But I won't be so petty as to mention them. We all have them in great abundance and they are mostly unimportant. Certainly in the life of someone like Desiree, tawdry stories such as those in Taylor's column, whether true or not, are simply insignificant. It is the higher aspects of human nature—love, devotion, courage—which enrich us. Through Desiree, we have been enriched.

Now my sister is with the Goddess./ My Mother rolls her in Her arms./ Blessed Be.

Daniel Jones
San Francisco

"Censorship" Just a Buzzword?

I must take exception with that gadfly, Ggreg Deborah Taylor, in his recent column about cleaning the poles in the Castro. His use of the ever-popular '90s buzzword "censorship," and his use of the phrase "older queen," only serve to alienate and divide people. The fact is that the poles do not serve as an effective means of communication. As one who has lived in the Castro for many years, I can tell you that as soon as one flyer goes up, someone comes along and puts one over it. (Censorship?)

And who is supposed to be responsible for taking the flyers down? Are we expected to divert money from the Department of Public Works for this when our health centers and libraries are closing?

With the Department of Health facing a $25 million budget cut, we can expect to see more homeless, more rodents, more garbage accumulation and more disease. All we are trying to do is keep our neighborhood clean. No more flyers. Please.

But I must thank Mr. Taylor for an otherwise engaging column, as always.

James Holland
San Francisco

Certain Ideas of "Beautification"

"The poles need some posters! The poles need some flyers! Support freedom of speech!"

We are the people responsible for the postering of the Castro on Saturday afternoon, Sept. 12, with signs displaying the slogans above. We undertook this action to defy the Castro Community Business Alliance's unilaterally imposed ban on posting flyers.

Once again, certain people's ideas of "beautification" are resulting in censorship for everyone. Once again, the people with the money are controlling the flow of information. We would like to remind the people with the money that many organizations and individuals cannot afford to advertise in the normalizing, mainstream gay press, and that many events, meetings and demonstrations are not publicized at all except through flyers and posters.

The Castro has a long history of using flyers and posters as an alternative means of communication. And, in contrast to recent articles in the gay press, we received many supportive comments from residents while we were postering. One 16-year resident of the Castro noted that the poles have only as many posters as they had in the past, but the streets and sidewalks had more dirt and trash than before. In other words, the CCBA and its followers are scapegoating the flyers (and the organizations that post them) for the city government's failure to provide adequate funding for street cleaning services.

We are extremely concerned about the lack of community input into the decision to ban flyers. Do only big nightclubs and mainstream organizations get to make decisions for the community? We are also concerned about the CCBA's alliance with Mayor Jordan's clean city thugs to sanitize the Castro. Will the CCBA next bring in Mayor Jordan's deportation van for the homeless to further "beautify" the neighborhood?

Censorship and oppression begin at home. People who don't own property are part of the Castro, too. We have things to say and we will be heard. The CCBA does not represent the entire community, and it has no business controlling the community's legally protected right to access to free information.

Bryant Kong & Stephanie Ruby-Klink
San Francisco

Trust Bush?

Trust Bush? Yes, we can trust Bush. If he is reelected, we can trust him to blame "congressional gridlock" for passing no new economic measures, and we can trust him to export more jobs. If Congress passes a job-training bill, an overdue tax raise on the wealthy and the family leave bill, we can trust Bush to label them "budget busters" and veto them.

We can trust Bush to appoint more conservative ideologues to the Supreme Court and to give hatemongers such as Lou Sheldon and Phyllis Schlafly a prominent role in domestic policy.

We can trust him to waste more AIDS education money broadcasting 800 numbers in television spots rather than disseminating frank and useful information. We can count on more needless deaths.

In short, we can trust Bush to continue being Bush.

Gary Pierce
Sacramento

Lesbian Support—Where Is It?

Two weeks ago, I had the excruciating experience of watching enormously gifted women squander

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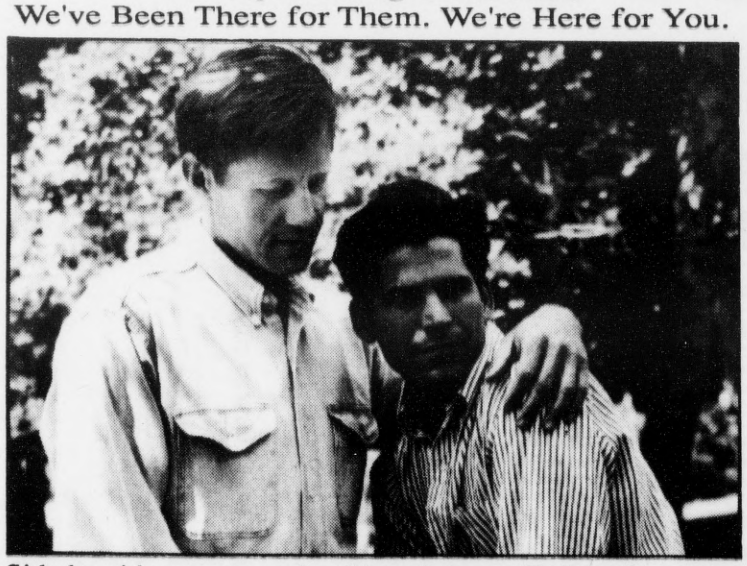

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their creative talents on a play called *The Weekend*, with an inadequately prepared script by T.M. Day.

I agree, as stated in Debra Miller's review, (*SF Bay Times*, Aug. 27) that *The Weekend* had all the elements of a good production: a beautiful set, modern theater, experienced actors and money. Unfortunately, it didn't have a strong script and it didn't have a strong audience. I watched attentively and was struck by everyone's seriousness.

I felt ashamed at the empty theater seats. Come on, women, where is our lesbian community support? Why are we so critical of the efforts of others? Sure, I did lose my attention on several occasions, but I kept reminding myself of the efforts it took to present such a production by and for lesbians. We need to advocate without conditions. The more vindication we show, perhaps more lesbian entertainment will arise. A simple economic factor—supply and demand.

It is inevitable that there is an enormous craving for *quality* women's productions, as previously confirmed when Judy Chicago opened "The Dinner Party," the most successful display in the history of the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art. The lesbian community needs an alternative to the bar scene for entertainment.

I applaud T.M. Day and her entire staff for their unconditional efforts to supply something even though there seems to be no demand.

Debra Sattari
Walnut Creek

Bridging the Distance

This is in response to a letter from Thomas ("Stop AIDS? Stop HIVphobia!" *SF Bay Times*, Aug. 27) regarding his attendance at a Stop AIDS meeting.

We very much regret that Thomas felt an anxiety as a result of attending that meeting and publicly apologize to him. Those statements made about HIV positive men by HIV-negative men in the meeting he attended were not representative of the Stop AIDS Project as a whole. Our job is to facilitate these discussions, not to express a particular opinion about any one subject.

HIV-positive men and HIV-negative men have developed an unfortunate distance between them. Many of us feel that a person with a different HIV-status from our own can't understand what we're going through. Many of us have hurt each other, and many of us are so scared of hurting each other that we've given up on having any contact altogether. Many of us aren't comfortable talking about how we feel. We then begin to ascribe different stereotypes to each other, and put up bigger and bigger walls between us. When we finally do get the chance to talk to each other, we're often not as sensitive as we could be.

Stop AIDS Project has been working with volunteer facilitators and outreach teams to better ensure that we respond to the needs of both HIV-positive and HIV-negative men, and that *all* participants feel safe in a Stop AIDS meeting as we try to sort out these very difficult and challenging issues. Because, if we can begin to sort them out in the context of small groups, we can then sort them out as a community.

We are very much committed to bringing HIV-positive and HIV-negative men together to talk to each other, learn from each other and teach each other. AIDS has affected all of us in different ways, some of us more directly than others. The only way we are going to stop AIDS is by coming together.

Stop AIDS is also committed to listening to criticism and acting upon it. We have conducted several different types of evaluations so that we can do what we're doing better, and better respond to all of our community's needs. While open letters to the press are certainly one way of communicating suggested changes, we also welcome and will gladly respond to any direct feedback.

I'd like to invite Thomas to contact me directly to help us in the process of determining that all of our meetings provide a safe place for both HIV-negative and HIV-positive men.

Ken Jones
Executive Director, Stop AIDS Project
San Francisco

Responsibility for AIDS Awareness

This letter is in response to Thomas' letter ("Stop AIDS? Stop HIVphobia!" *SF Bay Times*, Aug. 27).

In February of this year, at the urging of a new friend, I attended a Stop AIDS meeting. I arrived a little early, sat in an armchair and waited for it to begin. As things got rolling I began to see that some of the attendees had irrational opinions, unfair judgments and blatant lack of understanding of HIV and those infected with the virus. Like Thomas, I, too, became somewhat enraged. I jumped the facilitator's agenda and announced to the room that I was HIV-positive and was appalled at their statements.

As it turned out, I was the only one in the room who was HIV-positive. And, for just an instant, I felt like the "diseased pariah" Thomas mentioned. The need to change this soon followed, though, and I proceeded to tell people what it was like being HIV-positive. I shared my point of view, experiences and day-to-day hassles, thus becoming part of the group and not a pariah. Our meeting was very interesting and also productive. As it is with life, Stop AIDS meetings will only return what you put into them.

Just possibly, if Thomas had used his anger toward helping the other people overcome their ignorance, he would have felt as I did after my meeting: that I was able to give a better idea of what it is like to be HIV-positive and help dispel some of the myths. If his performance at the meeting was equal to his poison pen letter to this newspaper, I can only see one thing he could have accomplished—and it's an ugly thought.

I know, have known, have lived with, and have helped many PWAs and HIVers die with dignity. Of these people, including myself, the most unflattering of all aspects I have seen are self-pity and bitterness. Both of these were clear in the closing of Thomas' argument against Stop AIDS. I agree that some of the facilitators from the Project may need more training, but irrespective of how much training they may have, they are still just *facilitators*. These men are there to promote a dialogue, not censor the conversation and censure the participants.

As Thomas put it, "Apparently, compassion and intelligence are lacking in some members of our alleged 'community'." The responsibility lies with each one of us—who, because of our sero-status, feels like a minority within a minority—to promote AIDS awareness, compassion and understanding. It is not right to condemn an entire organization because one allowed oneself to feel alienated.

The Stop AIDS Project has contacted over 11,000 people through their outreaches and another 2,000 through the open-forum meetings. My experiences with the Project have enabled me to reassess my safe-sex practices and reevaluate my behavior. I was also fortunate enough to meet scores of fun, conscientious people who are involved with the Project. I have never hid my sero-status from the people there, nor have I ever sensed any AIDS-phobia.

A final note to Thomas: Maybe if you had called the Stop AIDS Project office instead of sending a semi-anonymous letter to a newspaper, you may have seen that the people involved in the project are certainly not what you make them out to be.

David E. Campbell
San Francisco

Rosebud Abused Again

I was shocked to read Don Baird's summation of my friend Rosebud Denovo's personality, life and death ("Beat This," Sept. 10). And more shocked that the *SF Bay Times* would choose to print it.

Rosebud, far from hating humanity, served the homeless population of Berkeley during her two years among the ranks of street kids who live and die on Telegraph Avenue. She was a person who would share her food, even when she was hungry, spend her energy organizing countless concerts, rallies and smoke-ins in People's Park, even when her own needs were not being met. And she continued to organize, and not give up, even when she was falsely arrested for putting up posters, beaten for sleeping outdoors (the crime of poverty) and illegally had her adolescent psychiatric record smeared all over the press (there is confidentiality legislation) over charges that have never been proven and are likely unprovable.

On Aug. 25, Rosebud was executed at age 19 for trespass with instruments of sabotage. As a direct action activist, I have often trespassed with instruments of sabotage, which could have been erroneously identified as murder weapons. I also was locked up (in a psychiatric facility) as an adolescent because of my female rebellion and my sexuality. Does this mean I am also fair game to be shot down by the first trigger-happy Oakland cop who recognizes me from Berkeley demonstrations? (In the time before he was thrown off the Berkeley Police Force for using excessive force, Officer Chew had a record of assault.)

Rosebud landed here from her Kentucky home, whose repressions she could not tolerate. As a young, homeless woman, she lived under daily conditions of abuse, deprivation and violence which made the most atrocious discrimination against middle-class gay people look trivial. As a bisexual, impoverished runaway in New York, at age 18, it was merely my scholarship, financial aid scam that saved me from Rosebud's fate. Or perhaps it was my cowardice that kept me from staying on the streets with the other young army of the underclass, to watch them die of AIDS, violence, suicide and overdoses; to continue to advocate for life; and to be smeared after death by a supposedly progressive press.

For shame, *SF Bay Times!* Are you not also the paper of the poor, the victims of police brutality, the hundreds of Rosebuds who bloom in our city without the slightest chance of living to turn 30?

I'm still nauseous.

Grace Nichols
Oakland

Baird Gut-Wrenchingly Offensive

Sick as I am of whiney dykes bitching to the editor, I need to add this one to the pile. Don Baird's recent piece on Rosebud Denovo ("Beat This," *SF Bay Times*, Sept. 10) was as gut-wrenchingly offensive as I assume he was trying to be.

Gay men have had enough experience with death and dying to know that it's far from a joke. I feel sad that this is what Rosebud's death was made into. I'm a firm supporter of camp, and appreciate the *SF Bay Times* for the doses it provides, but Rosebud was a fiercely intelligent woman trying to put her politics into action. Her life, though tragic, was not particularly funny. Though Rosebud and I weren't that close, when I heard about her death, I cried. I didn't "crack up" like Don did.

The straight media had a field day with Rosebud's "insanity," using it as an excuse to completely discredit her and the things she stood for. As a friend said, "This is a crazy world and if Rosebud's crazy then I'm crazy too, and so are the rest of y'all." The fact stands that we'll probably never know the true story behind Rosebud's death. We have only the cops to believe concerning the events that led up to it, and we all know how trustworthy they are. Don appears to believe that Rosebud was insane, and that all insane people deserve to die.

I didn't notice any jokes in Don's column about Rodney King being beaten, or the Castro sweep of October 1989 being particularly funny to him, but Rosebud's murder by the police strikes him as a big joke.

Don would also like to see a "buttload" of Rosebud Denovos on Castro this Halloween. The only place I'd like to see a buttload of Rosebud Denovos is in his, blowing his ass up. What a jerk that guy is.

Rosebud did Emma Goldman proud.

Elizabeth Samuel
Berkeley

"Dykes" & "Beans" Appreciated

Dykes to Watch Out For and Bean Sprouts are the best features in your paper. Both take a bite out of pomposity. Neither are to be trifled with. I look forward to each issue.

Pat Kennedy
Berkeley

Soulful Hands

I must give a soulful hats-off to the new African American meals served by Project Open Hand. Keep them coming.

Happy Camper

What About Misogynist Butthead Fetuses?

Just had to drop a line to thank those two gentlemen who wrote about their concerns about the aborting of gay fetuses being a possibility due to recent technological advances ("Protect Homosexual Fetuses," "Real Gay Genocide," *SF Bay Times* Letters, Sept. 10).

My friends (a mixed bag of males and females of various races and sexual preferences) and I share their concern. In fact, after reading the article in your paper we had a long discussion on the matter. We talked about the many ways that this horrible possibility can be kept from becoming a reality. We all agreed that it will take, among other things, education, political pressure and organization.

But after reading the thoughts expressed by those two men, I can see that my friends and I had the wrong idea. Why waste all of that time and energy when the solution is so simple? Just restrict—or better yet—outlaw abortion. Yeah, let's just make women have babies. I even thought up a slogan for this new movement: "Dominate a Woman Today and Liberate a Gay Fetus Tomorrow."

Of course, it might take a little while to convince the "gay community," which is over half lesbian, that this is the way to approach this possible problem. I mean, the community is not used to agreeing with

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More fiascoes at the gay parade.

TREASURER RESIGNS: $40,000 OF DEBT

by Tim Kingston

For the third time this year, the San Francisco Lesbian/Gay Freedom Day Parade Committee is without a treasurer. Robyn Whipple abruptly handed in her resignation as treasurer after the Parade Committee Board meeting on Sept. 21. The resignation came after a lengthy and at times confusing exposition on the group's extensive debts, which total somewhere between $40,000 and $50,000. Approximately half of that debt is due to 27 checks the Committee does not have funds to cover.

Whipple submits her resignation right smack in the middle of the worst financial crisis in the Parade's history. According to Parade board members, at the end of July, Whipple and the co-chairs reported at a general membership meeting that the Parade was securely in the black.

But by the end of August, barely a month after the report, about $14,000-to-$19,000 worth of Parade checks were returned due to lack of funds. The remaining debt is the result of a $20,000 line of credit extended to the Parade that is now past due. (The actual credit spent by the Parade Committee was $22,000—Wells Fargo Bank apparently let the Parade overextend its credit limit by $2,000. Wells Fargo would not comment on the Parade Committee's finances, citing customer confidentiality.)

But that's not all. In addition to that debt, Whipple announced in her presentation *another* coronary-inducing sum of money that cannot be accounted for. The jaw-dropped wide-eyed expression on board member Doug Anderson's face said it all when Whipple announced at the Sept. 21 meeting that there is some $15,000 worth of credit that cannot be located. The money was supposed to have been transferred from the Wells Fargo line of credit to the Parade's checking account, but there is no record of the money ever making it to the account. Neither Whipple nor any of the board members know if the money was actually transferred. If it was not, the Parade has more cash than expected. But if the money was transferred to the checking account, it has already been spent on bills, leaving the fiscal situation even bleaker than it was before.

Whipple said she was aware of the $15,000 credit discrepancy for the entire week prior to the Sept. 21 board meeting. Whipple says she contacted Wells Fargo to try and trace the credit transfer. She said at the meeting that she was unable to locate any paperwork at the Parade office that would indicate whether the transaction was completed.

Doug Anderson, board member and chair of the financial committee, says that he immediately went to the Parade office to try and locate the relevant documents when he learned of the crisis. But, like Whipple, he too discovered that a lot of crucial fiscal documentation was missing.

Meanwhile, in response to the fiscal storm, the board is frantically trying to get the Wells Fargo line of credit extended so the Parade Committee can continue operating. The board is also working on setting up Parade-related events to bring in extra revenue and to cut back on overtime payments for their office manager.

Anderson said that if the Parade breaks even next year it "will be miraculous." He also broached a near-heretical notion, saying, "The only way for us to eliminate the cash crunch is to charge admission to the celebration area." But he stressed that there is no intention of trying to charge admission to the Parade route itself.

THE SWEET SORROW OF PARTING

Whipple's resignation comes a week after critics charged her with "blackmailing" the Parade committee by threatening not to complete work on the Parade's accounts unless she was paid $3,000.

The charges are flatly denied by Whipple. Instead, she says that she offered a contract proposal to finish a review of the 1991 finances that, she asserts, "were not in my time period." Whipple says that the previous year's files needed an extra 40 hours of work, and for that work she proposed a fee of $3,000. Whipple argues that the disarray of the financial records for the previous year curtailed her ability to analyze the Parade Committee's fiscal health. "The records were not adequate for the accounting," she says.

Whipple calls the Parade Committee's recordkeeping an accounting nightmare. "I have been spending 40-to-60 hours a week on this. What they need is a full-charge bookkeeper and a minimum wage typist and clerk." Whipple asserts that, as a volunteer treasurer, she was being asked to fulfill the duties of both the treasurer and chief fiscal officer.

Whipple also contends in her resignation letter that the Parade does not comply with generally accepted accounting principles and does not comply with IRS codes. She cited lack of cooperation from the co-chairs and office manager, and unprofessional behavior by board members and the general membership as reasons for leaving: "[The board] are not listening... They were using me as a scapegoat."

Doug Anderson agrees that a full-time financial employee is necessary. But he was angered by how Whipple handled her resignation and felt she was trying to manipulate the committee. At the Sept. 21 meeting, Whipple demanded that a representative of the board pick up financial documents from her attorney rather then hand them over once she resigned, because, she says, she does not trust the committee. Anderson says, "I resent that she held the Parade hostage by holding the records. It puts us in a position where we may not retrieve the documents and [may] be subject to lawsuits."

Incoming Parade co-chair Marsha Levine was not impressed by Whipple's explanations for her resignation. "At the last board meeting [Whipple] said she would leave the mess [to the Parade] if she was not paid [the $3,000]. She had no intention of carrying out her duties." Levine added, "There is no excuse for this. Why weren't some of these problems known? If she is a professional, why didn't she sit down and look at the books in the beginning and see what she was getting into? Why didn't she look before she got in over her head?"

While other individuals, including Joan Zawaski, a former Parade fiscal coordinator, say the treasurer needs to be a full-time employee, Levine is not convinced. "I do not believe that our accounting system is that complicated." She adds, "I have been told by two people who do the same kind of work that you need ten hours of work a week, except during the heavy months [prior to the Parade] where about 20 hours a week is required."

WHOOPS! #1

According to Whipple and other sources, one of the primary reasons for the sudden tsunami of debt is obvious: "At the end of each month there was no bookkeeping going on to balance with the bank [statements]," says Whipple. Quite simply, the checkbook and the bank statements were not being reconciled.

Whipple says that when she started volunteering she was told that the office manager and the co-chairs were responsible for the accounting and reconciling the checkbook. So instead, she concentrated on trying to clear up the previous year's accounts. Whipple says she did not find out about the debt crisis until Aug. 31.

But Whipple's explanation does not wash with board member Helen Ruvelas, who tried to get Whipple and the two co-chairs, Gail Wood and Scott Stewart, removed at the last general meeting. (At that time Ruvelas was a general member of the Parade, and has since been appointed to the board. The vote to get rid of all Parade officers fell only nine votes short of the two-thirds majority needed.)

Ruvelas, like other many others contacted by *SF Bay Times*, says she could never get any financial information out of Whipple or the co-chairs. Ruvelas says information given at general membership meetings was always verbal and that the excuse given was always the same: The accounting company did not provide the information in a timely fashion.

"There is no excuse," says Ruvelas, who is an accountant. "She needed to know if the cash account was balanced. Granted, the position takes a lot of work. [But] the amount of work that goes with it does not excuse not having it done." Ruvelas says, "That is not what I would have done, and that is not what a prudent treasurer would have done."

Ironically, Ruvelas says Whipple's Sept. 21 presentation of the Parade's financial position was much more detailed than the board had ever received during Whipple's tenure as treasurer. "Had that same information been given to us in June, July or August, we would not be in the situation we are in."

Anderson, however, points out that when Whipple came on board, the Parade organization had been without a proper treasurer for over six months. He says Whipple had her hands full just trying to play catch up. Zawaski, former fiscal coordinator of the Parade, believes that the Parade organization "has enough transactions and bookkeeping work... to have someone there who knows what they are doing and is getting paid for it." She adds, "From April through June, that phone never stops. There are hundreds and hundreds of transactions."

WHOOPS! #2

All the trials and tribulations of the Parade Committee, however, cannot simply be blamed on Whipple. The Parade has a long and less than illustrious history of internal feuding, in additions to charges of fraud and accusations of incompetence. It has practically become a tradition in the gay press to write "what-insanity-is-going-on-at-the-parade-committee-this-year?" stories every June.

But this year, the primary foul-up occurred in January or February when the Parade Committee completely missed its deadline to apply for the Grant for the Arts, monies generated from the Hotel Tax Fund. It was only after nagging phone calls from Rudy Nothanberg, chief administrator of Grants for the Arts, that the Parade got its application in at all. While the Parade eventually got a $60,000 grant from this source, it only received a $200 increase in funding over last year due to its tardiness. By way of comparison, the Chinese New Year's Celebration allegedly received an $8,000 increase over last year.

When one board member was asked why the deadline was missed, there was a long silence. That board member then said, "Off the record, the co-chairs fucked up." Board member Anderson asserted, however, that "the necessary information to supply the Grant for the Arts application on a timely basis was not provided because the time was being spent on the reconciliation of the 1991 tax year."

When queried about the missed deadline, co-chair Gail Wood said, "At that time we were without a good treasurer. We had one resign after a week and another resign after three weeks. Until we hired Robyn [in April], we were pretty much on our own." Wood acknowledges that the ultimate responsibility for the mistake lies with the co-chairs, but notes the Parade did get the grant, eventually.

DEEP STRUCTURE AND DYSFUNCTION

Most of the problems suffered by the Parade Committee are due to an organizational structure that is open to abuse, says Anderson. There are no internal checks and balances to prevent abuse of power or fiscal impropriety, he adds, saying, "There is no executive director to oversee the organization." That situation was only exacerbated last year when the co-chairs, Linda Lopez and Edward Goehring, refused to talk to one another, leaving the staff and board to act as go-betweens.

But more relevent to the current crisis, says Anderson, is that the board does not have the authority to oversee all the expenditures of the organization. And the way the decision-making process is set up invites conflicts of interest among the board. "That is the crux of the problems. There is no executive committee in the board," says Anderson, who blames the "grass roots" style of organization of the Parade committee for many of the problems. "You can't operate a $300,000 organization as if it is a mom and pop store. It is just not possible."

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John Schlafly: A Chip Off the Old Block

by Tommi Avicolli Mecca

He's a chip off the old block, alright.

John Schlafly, son of prominent right-wing activist Phyllis Schlafly, agrees with a whole lot of what the anti-ERA spokesperson feels about "family values."

John Schlafly, 41, an attorney in Alton, Ill., where he lives with mom in the family mansion, told *SF Bay Times* that he came out in the SF *Examiner* on Sept. 18 to avoid some "nasty" exposes on TV news shows and in a major national publication. He won't name the national publication.

But speculation about Schlafly's homosexuality is nothing new. Articles outing him have already appeared in gay publications, among them New York City's *QW*.

Looking back on these articles now, Schlafly feels they were meant to "embarrass my mother by saying it was hypocritical for a family values advocate to cover up a secret in her own family." But the straw that broke this camel's back was what he describes as an upcoming piece in a national publication about him and Neil Bush, naming them as part of the underside of the family values movement.

"I wanted to put a stop to that," says Schlafly via phone a few days after the *Examiner* article. "I wanted to say, 'Look, I'm gay, I have no problem with that, with my mother. I support her.' "

In fact, not only does he support his right-wing mother, but John Schlafly is himself a conservative who doesn't believe that others in the right-wing movement in this country are necessarily "anti-gay." He quickly qualifies this statement by saying that, "I didn't mean to say there aren't any [who are anti-gay]."

Yet he defends at least one of those commonly characterized by queer activists as a hatemonger: Pat Buchanan. While Schlafly admits that Buchanan has made anti-gay remarks, "Even he has said that he's willing to let gays and lesbians alone in their private lives as long as they don't ask for special recognition."

Special rights or recognition is what the right-wing terms even the simplest civil rights legislation in this country. Indeed, "special rights" has become the conservative movement's buzzword for any gay/lesbian nondiscrimination law.

Schlafly has "problems" with gay/lesbian rights legislation. "What started out as promoting civil rights has turned into a money chase" for attorneys, he says.

Civil rights laws have also "set up a protective class," Schlafly explains. "Those people have the right to sue for big money. That's a powerful weapon other people who aren't in the class don't have."

"On the whole," Schlafly believes, "minority groups are in the mainstream of the American economy. Thirty years ago, maybe special efforts were needed. But all minorities have moved into the economic mainstream, including women and gays."

As for a gay/lesbian rights law, "I still think it creates resentment in other people," Schlafly says. He feels that "people should be judged on their individual merits." If a "small Christian company" didn't want to hire gays or lesbians, "I don't think I'd want to work there," he says.

Yet Schlafly thinks the Oregon anti-gay referendum to outlaw government "promotion" of homosexuality and gay rights measures statewide "goes way too far, as far as requiring the state to teach that homosexuality is wrong."

On the other hand, Schlafly can understand Christians in Oregon objecting to a teacher saying in a classroom that lesbian and gay couples are the same as heterosexual ones.

Says Schlafly: "I think we're better off asking the broad spectrum of Americans to let gays and lesbians live their lives in peace, and basically, tolerance. Most people will agree to that."

Asked what remedy should be in place for gays/lesbians/bisexuals who are victims of discrimination, Schlafly says that while "it's unfortunate" for anyone to be fired for being queer, "I don't think it happens very often."

"I think most Americans are willing to be tolerant about private sexual relations between consenting adults," says Schlafly. "I think conservatives have gotten a bad rap about their (attitudes). My mother has never said anything hateful about gays."

Schlafly acknowledges that one argument his mother had against the ERA was that it could be a vehicle for legalizing gay/lesbian marriages. Phyllis is against gay/lesbian marriages; John is unsure about legal recognition for "same-sex couples," as he calls them.

"First of all, same-sex couples have no problem living together, buying property, living in a stable relationship," says Schlafly. "The family values people have a good argument that marriage is a legal institution for the protection of children."

Gay/lesbian couples are not good institutions for children, according to Schlafly. He feels, as the family values folks do, that children need parents who are of opposite sexes. Yet he does agree that as far as a lesbian couple raising a healthy child is concerned, "it has happened and could happen."

"I'm trying to visualize myself with a partner [raising a child]," he says. "I just don't think I could do it."

Schlafly says he is not currently involved in a relationship with another man. He is hesitant to talk about this subject. "I'm trying to maintain some privacy," he says.

But privacy is difficult to maintain when you're suddenly a national celebrity. His "15 minutes of fame" doesn't seem to have fazed John Schlafly. He says he absolutely will not do TV talk shows and is not planning to write a book because "there isn't enough dirt" about John Schlafly. "You have to have dirt to get it published," he jokes.

Schlafly says that his mother knew about his homosexuality "years" before the *Examiner* article. Was she accepting when she found out? Says Schlafly, "I'm living in the same household. That kind of speaks for itself.

"I think she'd say that she doesn't approve of what she calls the 'gay lifestyle,' " says Schlafly. "That's a vague term. She doesn't approve of what she terms 'sexual promiscuity.' That's not the same as being bigoted against lesbians and gays. She accepts me. That doesn't mean she approves of everything I do."

As for whether his mother would accept his bringing home a lover, "I haven't forced her to confront it yet." He feels some members of his family would "have no problem with it."

Schlafly does not feel his mother would join Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays. "She had a call from somebody in the Bay Area inviting her to get information or to join," he says. "But it really isn't her. It's not her style to join a support group. She doesn't have anything against the organization."

Schlafly admits to being protective of his mother. He is bothered when people, especially gays/lesbians/bisexuals, describe her as "the enemy."

"I'm trying to get across that they shouldn't regard her as the enemy," says Schlafly. "She's not a bad person. She's had very little to say about homosexuality."

There's a lot of sincerity in his voice when he says of his mother: "She has such inner strength, she really has. And serenity. She doesn't believe in going public with her troubles. A friend said that in the Midwest we don't know how to get in

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Qual-Med Backs Off of Centers for Excellence

by Tim Kingston

Qual-Med, the second largest Health Maintenance Organization (HMO) in the Bay Area, is finally listening to one of its most important patient groups: people with HIV and AIDS. After six months of organized activist pressure, much media scrutiny, and a recently initiated investigation by the State Department of Corporations, Qual-Med appears to be rethinking its HIV/AIDS patient policies.

On Sept. 11, at a meeting with the AIDS Advisory Board of Alameda County, Qual-Med announced that its HIV/AIDS member-patients will no longer be required to receive care *only* from the HMO's planned "centers for excellence." Instead, patient participation at the centers will be voluntary, and word is Qual-Med is backing off its plans to open its "centers..." in the Bay Area.

"It is a partial victory," says John Iverson, founder of the Qual-Med HIV/AIDS Patients' Union. Iverson reports that Qual-Med representatives have allowed HIV/AIDS patients new options. A patient can now remain in the care of his or her primary care physician. Also, Qual-Med has stated that HIV/AIDS patients have the option of keeping their primary care physician *and* attending the "center for excellence" for additional treatments.

This newly offered flexibility on the part of Qual-Med is good news for Iverson, who has almost single-handedly pressured Qual-Med for the past half year. Many activists and AIDS physicians believe that Qual-Med's "centers for excellence," ostensibly geared to treating patients with HIV and AIDS, would provide inferior care (compared to what now exists for PWAs with a primary care physician) due to prioritizing cost containment over health care.

"[Qual-Med] just did not know what hit them," declared one physician familiar with the campaign by Iverson and ACT UP/San Francisco to force a change of policy by Qual-Med. That physician suggested that Qual-Med's rigid—and profitable—cost containment strategies, developed in Colorado where the company is based, may simply not fly in the Bay Area. Here, unlike other areas, people with AIDS and HIV are well organized and often aware of their rights.

Qual-Med representatives refused comment at this time, but have asserted previously that the "centers for excellence" would concentrate the best available HIV/AIDS health care available in one place.

Iverson and others disagree with Qual-Med's assertions of quality care. "[What] we are worried about is that patients who may not have much knowledge about the disease or the health care system will unwittingly seek all their care at the 'centers for excellence'—with a company that has demonstrated they give substandard care."

ABOUT FACE

Earlier this summer, the situation was considerably less hopeful, both in terms of the planned "centers for excellence," and especially regarding the HMO's flat refusal to pay for expensive off-label AIDS treatments. Iverson says Qual-Med's policy has been to flatly refuse to pay for *any* expensive off-label use of AIDS treatments not expressly sanctioned by the Food and Drug Administration, while at the same time approving the use of inexpensive off-label drugs such as Septra and Bactrum.

In addition to pressure from activists and media alike, Qual-Med has also been blasted by the State Department of Corporations. On Sept. 1, the department sent Qual-Med a strongly worded letter, taking the HMO to task for not providing Iverson with Sandostatin, an antidiarrhea drug that had been prescribed for off-label use by his primary care physician. (It is not clear at this point if that letter will guarantee Iverson's Sandostatin.)

In Iverson's case, Qual-Med refused to pay for his prescription of Sandostatin, an expensive drug his doctor had prescribed to treat intractable diarrhea related to AIDS. Iverson was so angered by Qual-Med's refusal to provide Sandostatin that he hired an attorney to sue the HMO for access to the drug. Iverson's case is being heard in the Alameda Superior Court, and is in the final stages of discovery motions.

The department's letter also requested further information on Qual-Med's planned "centers for excellence," and suggested that Qual-Med may be in violation of the Knox Keene Act of 1975 that regulates every aspect of HMO care to patients. The letter raised concerns that Qual-Med could be violating the act in terms of "the denial of medically necessary efficacious drugs, restraints on accessibility of services, and continuity of care

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for AIDS and HIV-positive patients.''

This is the first time the department has ever investigated an HMO for its treatment of PWAs. The letter from the department declares, ''There is no justification for the failure to provide a prescription drug when medically indicated in accordance with generally accepted standards of practice.'' The letter also requested in unusually blunt language that Qual-Med provide detailed proof that the company's policies guarantee adequate care for PWAs.

Warren Barnes, the supervising counsel with the Department of Corporations, rejected Qual-Med's argument that it only has to provide AIDS treatments that are approved by the FDA. ''The department would not approve a plan or contract which arbitrarily limits pharmaceuticals in a manner that was not consistent with generally acceptable standards of medical practice.''

The letter from the department was prompted by a complaint from Iverson. He and the Qual-Med Patient's Union, ACT UP/San Francisco and various health workers' unions lobbied local government officials, urging them to take action. Both East Bay Assemblymember Tom Bates and Berkeley Councilmember Maudelle Shirek have written letters to the department and local media to publicize the complaints against Qual-Med.

In late August, in another complaint, Qual-Med agreed to pay $4,000-to $6,000 worth of medical bills in an out-of-court settlement with James Casey. Casey accused the HMO of harassment when it refused to pay for additional aerosol pentamidine PCP prophylaxis prescribed by his doctor. While Casey's attorney, Tim Halloran, is pleased with the result, Casey is so disgusted with Qual-Med that he refuses to say anything hopeful until he has the check in his hands.

Neither Dr. William Popik, Qual-Med's vice president of medical affairs, or Dr. Stanley Padilla, Qual-Med California's medical director, returned *SF Bay Times'* calls for comment

Dr. Lennie Simpson, chair of the social policy committee of the Community Consortium, an AIDS physicians' organization that has also become involved in the controversy about Qual-Med, says Qual-Med may be stuck between a rock and a hard place as far as providing the best care in the most economic manner. ''The best care may not be economical... There may be a conflict between cost containment and helping patients lead fuller lives.'' He adds, ''that may cost money... [but] i just too damn bad if it does.''

The Qual-Med HIV+ Patient's Union is holding a demonstration outside Qual-Med's Bay Area Offices at 155 Grand Ave. in Oakland on Oct. 20. For further information call (510) 547-7538

Schlafly...

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touch with our feelings.''

Schlafly says his immediate family—including his five siblings— has been ''supportive'' of him since his coming-out. ''My mother has had a lot of supportive calls and messages from people she knows,'' he adds. As for himself, he's only received one obscene phone call thus far. It doesn't surprise him that most of the reaction has been positive.

Schlafly plans to ''hold his nose'' and vote for George Bush, even though he's never liked him. He feels there are more important issues than gay rights to consider in the November election. Like the economy. And Bush and his Democratic opponent, Bill Clinton, are not that different when it comes to gay rights (except on the military issue), says Schlafly.

As for the Bush AIDS record, ''You can never say you have enough money for anything. The AIDS budget has gone up each year—not enough. It's never enough.'' But he won't directly criticize George Bush.

Schlafly's feelings about ACT UP are ''mixed.'' On the one hand he feels the militant AIDS activist group has done good—it sped up the approval process for drugs. On the other hand, he cannot condone many of the group's tactics, such as disrupting Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral a few years ago to protest New York Cardinal John O'Conner's stand on gays and AIDS.

''I thought that was totally deplorable,'' he says. ''It's unjustifiable. Everyone has a right to demonstrate. It's not my style, I'm not a demonstrator. People think in order to get something done in the U.S., you got to get noticed. They sure got noticed.''

Schlafly sees no justification for outing—the exposing of someone's homosexuality, usually for political purposes. There are no qualifications with his stand on this issue. ''I think it kind of flies in the face of what gays and lesbians used to support: the right to privacy.

''Gays and lesbians have more freedom than ever before,'' Schlafly says. ''Not only in San Francisco, but also all over the country. Every year, gays and lesbians are accepted more—in the workplace, in their families. I think there's been tremendous progress made. You very seldom hear something that's truly gay-bashing''—even at the recent Republican National Convention, says Schlafly. ''People have overreacted to the Republican Convention. They're saying the whole party is in the grip of gay-bashers.'' But he's confident it's not.

The gospel according to Schlafly. Both of them.

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The Election and The "G" Word

My TV blared: "Nixon gives Bush 30 percent chance of winning." An amusing statistic among the unending polls and pundits predicting the outcome of November's presidential elections. There are so many factors—capricious and real—that will decide the election: who looks better, is Hillary really getting it good, the economy, the deficit, health care, homelessness, the defense budget, the decline of America. Our debt has moved from $1 trillion to $4 trillion during the Reagan/Bush era.

There are the usual progressive vs. conservative factions. But this time, there is the cross-over of Republicans to the Democratic ticket and a growing sense that people are sick of Bush and Quayle. People want a change. Barbara might as well start packing now. Several "G" words apply. In this case, "G" for George will be gone.

"G" FOR GUILTY

The Republicans shot themselves in the right foot with the thinly veiled results of twelve years of plunder and that holier-than-thou testimonial to family values in Houston. The religious right and the church brigade made their power play. Many undecided and unconvinced saw how arrogant, mean-spirited and disgusting Buchanan, Helms, Schlafly, Dole, Dannemeyer, et al., really are.

"G" FOR GAY

Gay does not mean good news for George this election year. And doesn't your heart go out to poor Phyllis Schlafly, queen of the gay slur, having her son come out and all! Of course, gay is not the only "G" word in this year's campaign. But the attacks on the arts community, AIDS funding and gay rights will not cause gaiety in certain quarters or win Barbara that much-needed new hairdo. A self-respecting gay hairdresser would not have done whatever they did to her.

"G" FOR GOD

The Republican party has become the curious protectorate of God and the church. Organized religion's version of Godliness has become highly influential in both the individual's civil rights issues and matters of governmental policy. Freedom of choice, the right to choose, are now being heavily manipulated by powerful religious lobbyists. Activism has filled the churches and synagogues with those who find communion with others who share their traditional values, with those who would indemnify the values of some for all. Lesbians and gays have an investment in the separation of church and state, because religious values have oppressed the spiritual growth of humankind for hundreds of years. And us, in particular.

"G" FOR GERE

Richard Gere remarked recently at an AIDS fundraising event, "Three times the number of American people that died in the Vietnam War have died of AIDS—over 150,000, and our government is doing little about it." That in part is because of the marriage between political and religious conservatism. Robert Hiferty's 1990 film *Stop The Church* exposed the church as a political institution and showed what happened when ACT UP/NYC took their activism inside the church. Shouting pickets with signs "Curb The Dogma" and a "die-in" may have shocked some of the complacent who do not see or feel the tyranny caused by the unholy wedding of church and state.

"G" FOR GENTRY

I grew up thinking the church and the state are supposed to remain two separate entities. Well, here we go again: The middle-class moved to the suburbs to escape urban decay and raise their kids. They took their jobs, their taxes, their pride of ownership with them. Most who could afford to, or who weren't afraid of losing their anonymity, left the city. Poor folks, thieves, gangsters, whores, pimps and faggots who are out stayed behind. That radically changed the tax base. Who knew that the middle-class exodus from America's urban centers would leave the churches holding huge real estate portfolios in all of the urban centers and paying no taxes? If the churches along with other wealthy businesses (and individuals) paid their fair share of taxes, it would resolve our deficit problem overnight. The churches have too much stagnant income relative to the rest of society. Churches are not just the corner parish or synagogue. They are the biggest, most successful businesses in the world. The Episcopal Sanctuary, Glide and St. Anthony are the exceptions in demonstrating that there is a link between Christianity and charity.

"G" FOR GOVERNMENT

Who knew the government would dismantle the infrastructure of domestic social programs, help export jobs and import more people? Who knew that the biggest growth industries in the urban centers in the '90s would be drugs and sex? I think the politically protected who can afford to import drugs should be imprisoned if they really want to call this a war against drugs, and the media should be stoned every time they go to film another drug bust in East Oakland or Ingleside. That is not where the kingpins reside.

If I were running for office, I would run on the platform that prostitutes should pay taxes just like the rest of us! If the prostitutes were taxed to fund the arts and sex education, the morally monotonous would have much less to say publicly about what contributions they have made to the cause. We have got to confront the denial of reality because it offends our Bible thumpers. Wake up, America! It's 1992! Children need condoms and abortion-on-demand. Drug addicts need needle exchange. Our schools need non-judgmental sex and AIDS education, not moralizing and pandering to hypocrisy. A good-hearted sex worker would be more knowledgeable and perceptive about the average citizen than Dan Quayle or the Pope.

"G" FOR GLORIFYING TYRANNY

There is a huge block of people who would like to feel special at somebody else's expense. Some of them carry a Bible in one hand and a flag in the other. Sometimes they forget which they are waving. But it doesn't matter: God is on their side. They are easily persuaded they are better than those who are different from them, e.g., those living alternative lifestyles. Their claim to superiority is based upon doing it in the dark in the missionary position with someone of the opposite sex. They issue sacred licenses among themselves for that—licenses which they deny us.

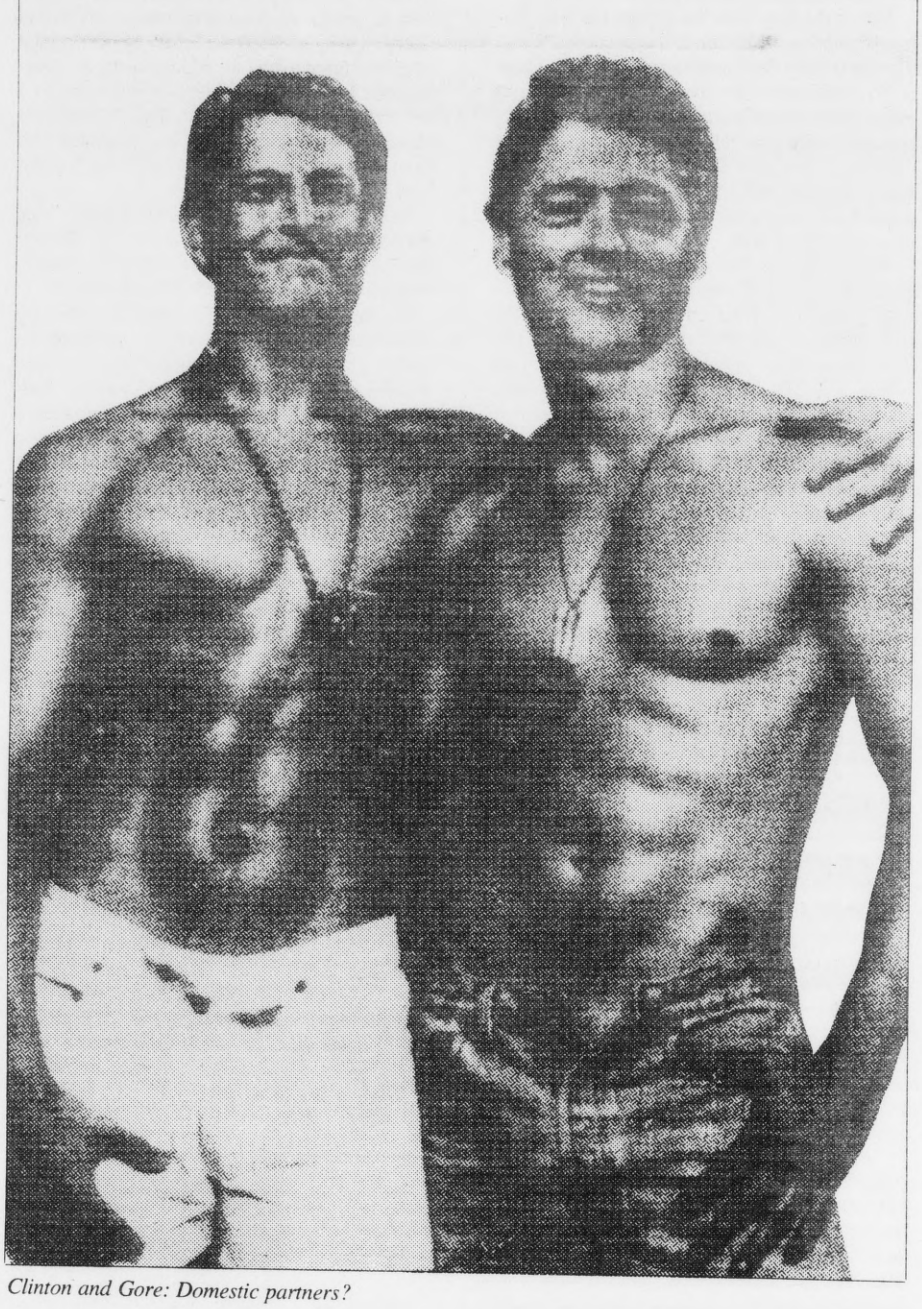
These licenses to marry are sort of like legalized prostitution. Anyway, if you happen to be male and the person you just did the nasty with didn't want to do it with you, but you forced her anyway—let's say she is your sister or your daughter—she is obliged to have the baby and live in sin because the church, just like the government, is controlled by old white men who are interested in their welfare and purging themselves of guilt, more than they care about the rights of women, children and people of color.

Religious zealots subvert our political system with lies and half-truths. They exploit the fears of the less-and-less educated masses just as Hitler did. The traditional-values crowd impair my rights with their superstitions, tribal customs, and their ridiculous value system which elevates their materialism, sameness, barbarism and war mongering while denigrating my way of loving and caring for my fellow man. Marx said religion is the opiate of the masses. He was right. The infusion of religious voodoo and holy water into government has helped compromise and pollute the American political system.

Two things: The organized church, of which I am not a part, has too much influence in secular matters, over my life. Secondly, queers need to revisit their own mythology, find their own shamans and stop giving fucked-up moralists a basis upon which to pronounce our failure as Republicans, as Catholics, as husbands, as fathers, as round pegs which do not fit in square holes.

There will always be assimilationists. There will always be those who do not approve. But another course less traveled is finding our Godliness within ourselves—all that is fine and decent that deserves our celebration and rejoicing. Not only do we need our own icons and role models, but so do those isolated queers who commit suicide, who are disowned by traditional-values Christian families, who are driven out of small Christian towns; so does mid-America—those bashers who attack us on the streets, those people who do not know there is another life beyond the missionary position with the opposite sex. America needs to know it's okay to be who we really are.

And so do we.



Clinton and Gore: Domestic partners?

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The Way We Bore

I've never much liked pornography: it's too dehumanized, distant, commodified and comical to be truly erotic.

But that hasn't stopped me from renting the occasional video or perusing the odd magazine now and again.

I mean, a boy has to do *research* every once in a while... no?

I'd bet our relation to porn is formed in puberty. That, at least, is the theme of stories I've heard from other gay men. As a lad, a former lover of mine stole guy mags from a local superette; another friend skimmed his dad's porn collection to groove on the naked hunks gamboling with the big-bosomed babes. Both guys had no problem finding stimulation in visual sexual representations.

Me? I was—and am—an internalist. Maybe it's a writer's instinct: I like words and stories. I trust that "second voice" tickling my cranial periphery. My nascent sexuality involved mental fantasies: I'd "take home"—in my head—a cute guy I'd seen on the street. In the safety of my bed and brain, "he" was mine—if only for the duration of an orgasm.

That, to me, differs from getting off on mag imagery—though the instinct's the same: you gaze at one of those scowling, lubriciously glossy studs until he becomes real, then you devise your fantasy scenario. And off you go (get?). As fantasy material, however, a handsome man in the world—a breathing, thinking human—far outweighs a posed, airbrushed hunkazoid. One is living; the other is embalmed. One is vibrant; the other is frozen. One shows quirks and tics; the other knows only the standard poses from column A, B and C. One is possible; the other, impossible.

One is pornographic; the other, ordinary.

YEAH

I'm a Johnny-come-lately to videos: I came of age before they'd penetrated the common bedroom. Maybe that's why I've never fully understood their appeal. Oh, I comprehend rationally: they're insta-dates, readily available and ultimately manipulable. They're Saturday night friends, midweek companions. They beat the bars and baths and sex clubs and parks some nights. You don't have to talk to a video. You don't have to make it coffee in the morning or call it a cab after you come. You don't have to throw away its number or hope it doesn't lose yours. It's not going to gossip to mutual friends—or, worse, strangers—about that weird thing you really like to do with your ring finger.

And videos don't make promises they can't keep.

Or do they?

In fact, porno videos are all *about* promise. They're about the promise of transportation, transcendence, even—in some baroque cases—transgression.

Videos promise to transport us to Sexland—a world where pool boys and skateboarders and construction workers and college students and cops and all others live in a state of perpetual tumescence and consistent availability. Videos promise to help us transcend our own shyness, fear, apathy and/or disgust to make the leap into Sexland. The promise of transgression lies in Sexland boundaries: by watching someone else coupling (tripling? quadrupling?) madly, we may discover our own heretofore hidden needs, desires and urges.

The Promise of a porno video begins with The Box. Walk into a video store's adult section and you're assaulted—massaged?—by a visual orgy of plucked eyebrows, glossed lips, oiled skin, shaved chests, gelled hair, pierced ears, and pouts and scowls and come-hither/fuck-off smirks. The locations are global: tropical, urban, mountain, rural. The rainbowish box colors run the gamut from grainy black and white to, among others, lush magentas and lavenders and glowing, hypersexual oranges. The titles range from the punnish to the rank: *Secret Asian Man*, *How the West Was Hung*, *Smells Like a Man*, *Butthole Buddies*, *Pluggin'*.

The ineffably overheated, often nearly illiterate Box prose describes Sexland as the place where, say, "Rudy pumps Ted like an uncaged animal till both explode in a frenzy of boyish lust and sperm that will singe itself into your brain forever and bring you to an unforgettable climax!" The men's names are a catalogue of Sexland hype: Peter, Skip, Matt, Steve, Richie, and on and on—boys next door, men from Somewhere Else. Each, from his modified bod to his hand-picked moniker, is at the core of The Promise.

Ultimately, however, The Promise on The Box resides lower, at a deeper core: it's in those blazing erections, those crotches fondled, coddled and caressed. The Promise of a porn video rests in that alluring bulge in those fresh Calvin Kleins; The Promise begins with the box on The Box.

The tanning salon, the mousse, the pancake, the drugs: hey, it's a job.

OH, YEAH!

A promise asserted, however, is rarely a promise fulfilled.

Modern, mostly white gay male pornographic videos—the type with which this essay is concerning itself—are numbingly formulaic. That may give thumb-sucking comfort to some viewers, but it leaves the rest of us snoring loudly when we should be moaning lustily.

A porno-producer friend of mine once told me the formula is "three sex scenes and a train wreck." The latter is the climactic bang-'em-up (as it were) that's supposed to speed still-unsated watchers to that much-anticipated "unforgettable climax." It's the mind-bending three-way, the hood-of-the-car rape, the fuck-all orgy, the animal act—whatever. Leading up to the train-wreck, however, are a series of sex scenes so hackneyed as to be soporific.

They usually begin with Dialogue, a teasing stall to the inevitable action. Ostensibly, Dialogue strings along the video's generally thin—and, really, unimportant—plot. In reality, Dialogue only occasionally offers an unintentionally erotic frisson thanks largely to its utterers' inadvertently dumbed-down delivery. There's a certain tiresome allure to the cigarette-and-testosterone timbre of the "healthy" young men who inhabit Sexland.

Dialogue is followed forthwith by Action. Here's where the formula takes hold with a vice grip. Fetishists are out of luck in most mainstream gay porn: clothes come off fast and unromantically. Someone particularly drawn to, say, blue jean buttons or underwear or socks or shoes rarely sees his desire lingeringly reflected in Sexland. Lovers of *outre* body parts—feet, fingers, knees, wrists, ears—are also on their own: the camera loves only mouths, dicks, butts.

Once the clothes disappear, the two generally hunky actors set to with grim determination. This is the point where viewer tastes really diverge; one man's boredom is another's boner. To me, the fucking and sucking are rarely erotic. A little foreplay—a nipple squeeze here, a neck lick there—leads to some narrow variation on Missionary humping. The camera zooms in for that inevitable closeup of hose slamming hole—easily the most unappealing visual imaginable. (If God had wanted us to see that, She would have put eyeballs in our pubic hair.)

The Action is accompanied by a voice-over of grunts, moans and more Dialogue. It generally runs along the lines of the stereotypical—and highly unsexy—"Yeah, suck that big thing." The blandly conveyed moans rarely capture the highly erotic, sensually charged combination of vulnerability, lust and desire that make a *real* man's verbal ejaculations so electrifying.

Finally comes The Come Shot. Since it's the unfortunate phallocentric focus in Sexland, The Come Shot is usually glorified—even mythologized—through a series of slo-mo repeats, colorized playbacks, sampled returns. Sperm spumes everywhere: onto a sweaty back, onto a stubbly chest, onto stomachs and thighs and fingers. Geysers gush, pearls scatter, strings arch. "Oh, yeahs" echo.

Then it's All Over. The shot may fade tastefully, or may include an awkward moment when the men dress up again and say bye-bye. They may toss a couple of "dudes" each others' way, slap each other on the shoulder, and split. It's so nonintimate as to be inhuman.

OH, YEAH—*OH, YEAH!*

But then, by its very nature, porn is dehumanizing. The humans being depicted inhabit a reduced world of narrow-focused sex. We viewers command the action by toying with the remote control—and that phrase takes on symbolic significance here. We are *remote* from the actors: they are behind the glass screen; really, they're just a series of little color dots. Yet we exercise the illusion of *control* over them: we fast-forward or reverse them, stop and start them at will—at *our* will.

Obviously, there's nothing human about the transaction. Even as Sexland promises a world of hot-fuck-interaction, we viewers are solitary, remote in (and on) one hand, body parts in (and on) the other. Furthermore, Sexland is a world mostly devoid of what makes humanity sexy and erotic: humor, feelings, sensuousness. (My all-time fave video scene showed two guys soaping each other in a bath.) And though it offers visual and audio stimulation, Sexland lacks engagement with the other three senses—touch, smell and taste—which add immeasurably to a real-life sexual encounter.

In its dehumanization, porn has influenced the way we perceive ourselves, our bodies and our fellow gay men. Objectification is exciting: simple visual stimulation fuels lust. Nothing like a nice chest, or butt, or pair of thighs, or—fill in the blank. But to a degree at least, porno has codified our tastes and so reduced them that there's little room for diversity. In mainstream gay male porn, muscles mostly rule: bodies are pumped, plucked, shaved and oiled. Watching two muscle monsters going at it is less erotically engaging than it is anthropologically fascinating: it's like having a ringside seat at a dinosaur brawl. So *this* is what it looks like when this rare, strange species mates!

Since we mistake Sexland for real life, and thereby let it dictate our tastes, we run the risk of choosing and cruising based on total objectification by Sexland dictates. The past couple of weeks at Carefree, the ravey queer dance club, a group of shirtless muscle boys has planted itself center stage and enacted sweaty, pornographic (and that's not a compliment) tableaux: they grind, lick, caress and hump each other. The effect of the meshing muscle is clear on the upturned faces of the dancing masses: they betray a telling admixture of lust and boredom and desire and frustration. It's the way you'd imagine they look when they're all alone and watching that putative college professor spanking his recalcitrant charge in *"A" For Effort*.

By confusing Sexland and life, we could do ourselves eventual psychic harm. After all, mainstream advertising and infotainment—couriers of the cultural discourse—tell us we shouldn't exist at all. Since *our* cultural identity is based at least partly on our sexuality, and since porno is one avenue by which we communicate to ourselves about sex, the danger remains that by *believing* porn in any way, we're viewing ourselves in only the most narrow terms at our core—that is, with regards to ourselves as sexual/sensual beings. It's easy to believe our human worth resides in how closely we hew to the pornographic ideal: impossibly fit, young, tall, brainless, whatever.

Furthermore, when you get down to it, porno *is* advertising for gay sex. The Promise, The Box, The Dialogue, The Action, The Come Shot—all exist to induce you to fork over your cash. That's it. Like advertisers, porno film makers want your money. And like advertisers, they're willing to trash your self-image by selling you Unattainable Beauty to get you to give it up.

Which isn't to say that there aren't porn videos and magazines that accurately and positively reflect gay men's sexual tastes. But the entire transaction—from the making of the video to its rental/sale—commodifies sex and sexuality. By doing so, it has to pander to lowest-common-denominator audience taste. If you can show a video maker an economically feasible market for foot fetish vids, then by God he'll make one (or ten). But for the most part, our tastes are reflected back to us as obsessions with musculature and little else—and these reflections spill over into our daily habits and habitats. (If I have sex with one more man who sounds like a bad Jeff Stryker soundtrack—"Yeah, you *like* that big thing, *doncha*?"—I'm going to scream... and not in pleasure.)

UUHHNNNGH!!!

I suppose this all troubles me mostly because I'm only a visitor in Sexland; I sure don't belong there. I don't look like them or think like them or even fuck like them. To me, Sexland is an exclusionary venue: I'm allowed to press my face against the glass and watch, but I can't touch, smell or *feel* the people portrayed therein. I don't see myself in there, either; with whom am I supposed to identify? The fantasies enacted in Sexland aren't *my* fantasies. There's no space in Sexland for quirkiness, weirdness, laughter.

So when Sexland spills over into the real world—at clubs, say, or at the gym, or in the Castro—I once again feel an outsider, same as I did when I was the only queer boy (that I knew of) in a straight high school class. I feel excluded by my community, or a piece of it; on bad days, my self-image nose-dives. And I've had enough in my life of isolation and fear to want to encounter Sexland exclusivity in my own neighborhood, thank you very much.

All of this used to bother me more than it does now; I used to think there was something wrong with me. Without dissing anyone else's tastes, I've realized that Sexland has little to offer me—and that's fine. I'll find what I need elsewhere; others will find what they need there. Presumably, I'll find other like-minded refugees from Sexland; perhaps we'll construct a new and different world together, a world of laughter, rose petals and warm baths, of hot action by candlelight....

Welcome to... um... *Sexville*?

news briefs by tommi avicolli mecca

Hearing Scheduled on Castro Sweep

SAN FRANCISCO - Three years after a police crackdown on a protest march by ACT UP which resulted in a sweep of the Castro, the San Francisco Police Commission has scheduled a hearing on brutality charges against three of the officers involved.

The Commission will examine charges sustained by the Office of Citizen Complaints that Sgt. Michael Lawson, Sgt. William Gay and Officer Stephen Ortiz used their batons to strike citizens without cause during interactions at Castro and Market preceding the police sweep. Police Commission President Harry Low is scheduled to take evidence in the disciplinary hearing. Closing arguments and deliberations in the case are expected in mid-October.

Gays in Peru Threatened

SAN FRANCISCO - The International Gay and Lesbian Human Rights Commission reports that the guerrilla group MRTA (Movimiento Revolucionario Tupac Amaru) threatened to bomb the offices of Peru's only gay rights group, the Movimiento Homosexual de Lima, on Sept. 11. Fortunately, the attack never occurred.

But Peruvian gays/lesbians/bisexuals have good reason to take the MRTA threat seriously. In 1987, in the jungle town of Pucallpa, the MRTA executed seven gay men in the street as part of their "cleaning of the undesirables" action.

The gay rights group, formed in 1982, has condemned the violence of groups such as the MRTA. Says one member, "They could keep threatening us, but we will not stop and will continue to exist." The gay rights group is in the process of producing a report on the persecution of gays, lesbians, bisexuals, transvestites and people with HIV in Peru.

Achtenberg: Dump BofA

SAN FRANCISCO - Supervisor Roberta Achtenberg introduced a resolution on Sept. 21 calling for the City to transfer over $6 million in accounts from the Bank of America because of its support for the homophobic Boy Scouts. It will now be referred to a committee, most likely finance, and brought before a public hearing sometime in the near future, according to her office.

Achtenberg is asking that the accounts be transferred to other banking institutions. The supervisor is not pushing for all city money to be withdrawn from BofA, because it would put too much of a financial burden on the City. What she proposes is more of a symbolic measure that "will send a clear message that policies that foster and encourage discrimination will not be tolerated by our City."

"I am concerned that in the face of evidence showing continued institutionalized homophobia, the Bank of America continues to fund the Boy Scouts, and I feel the City and County is compelled to take action to show our strong disapproval." Queer Scouts, the group most responsible for bringing the issue of Scout discrimination to public attention, gave Achtenberg's resolution a nod. Stay tuned.

Cleve Jones Gets Bar Support

SAN FRANCISCO - Names Project Founder Cleve Jones has the backing of several local queer bars and clubs in his bid for a Board of Supervisors seat this November. Beginning the week of Sept. 27, the establishments, which include the Box, Bahia and Lily's, are opening their doors in support of Jones by sponsoring voter registration tables and distributing buttons, campaign literature and information.

In addition, patrons will be asked to donate $1 toward Jones' campaign. Says the elated candidate of the establishments: "They realize the crucial necessity of retaining a progressive majority on the Board and keeping the seat originally held by Harvey Milk."

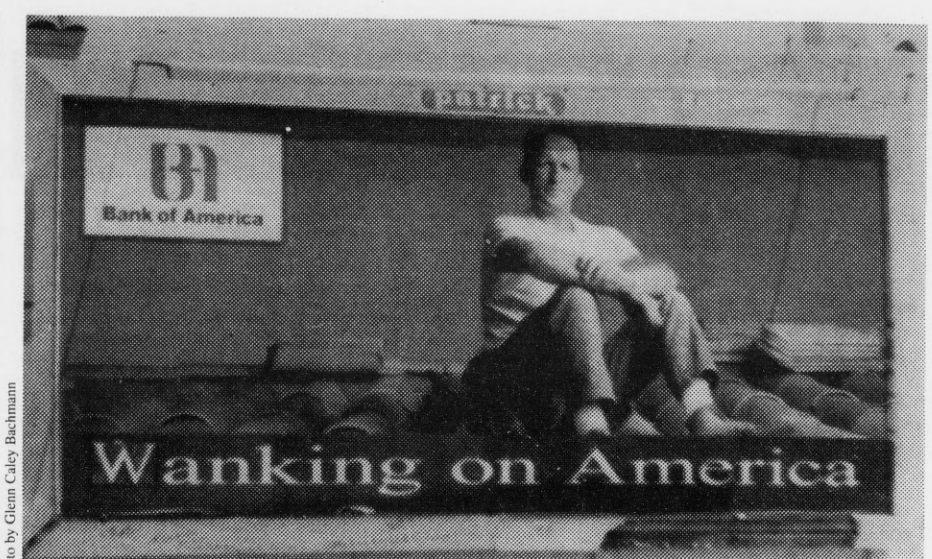
Milk, the city's first out queer supe, was felled by an assassin's bullets in November, 1978.

Women's Weekend 2

RUSSIAN RIVER - Carmen Productions will present the second Women's Weekend Sept. 25-27 on the Russian River. The gala weekend event features jazz singer Rhiannon and Thelma Houston.

Other events include Country/Western dancing, Sappho's poolside party, a nine-piece salsa band, comedy and The Newlywed Game as well as an all-day crafts fair and an outdoor dinner theater cabaret.

For camping and lodging information, call Fifes Resort at 800-734-3371, 869-0656, or The Woods at 800-479-6637. An all-weekend pass is $44. Tickets available at Headlines/Castro St., ClaireLight, Mama Bears and The Last Word.



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What the Bank of America is really *doing.*

Weiss Remembered as "Champion"

WASHINGTON - The Human Rights Campaign Fund joined other gay/lesbian/bisexual organizations and individuals in mourning the sudden death of Congressmember Ted Weiss, who crusaded for gay/lesbian/AIDS causes even before they were popular.

In a statement, Director Tim McFeeley says that Weiss was a "great friend and a true champion." He continues: "For Ted, it was the government's responsibility to ensure justice for each citizen and he spent his life working so that everyone had the tools to reach his or her potential."

Weiss was the chief sponsor of the federal gay and lesbian rights bill as well as an early proponent of the fight against AIDS. Says McFeeley, "Our community always has been able to count on Ted, ever since he was elected to Congress in 1976."

Studds Does It Better

MARSHFIELD - Out gay Congressmember Gerry Studds (D-MA) won in a Democratic primary race toughened by redistricting. Studds, a ten-term legislator, with 61 percent of the vote, now moves on to a difficult general election against two opponents.

Experts are predicting negative personal attacks against the man who has the distinction of having been the first openly gay member of the House. At present, though, two members of Congress are openly gay: Studds and Barney Frank (D-MA).

Asian AIDS Project Needs Help

SAN FRANCISCO - GCHP, the Gay Asian Pacific Alliance Community HIV Project, is recruiting people for one of its Oct. 16, 17 and 24 training sessions. Volunteers are needed to provide services such as housecleaning, transportation, cooking and emotional support to Asians and Pacific Islanders living with HIV disease.

Contact Lori Lee or Nicole Matos at (415) 575-3939 for information.

Oakland Church Joins Affirming Baptists

OAKLAND - Lakeshore Avenue Baptist Church in Oakland voted Sept. 13 to become a charter member of the Association of Welcoming and Affirming Baptists, a new network of Baptist churches, groups and individuals pledged to be supportive of gays/lesbians/bisexuals.

Founded in 1860, Lakeshore is historically a liberal and inclusive church. At the turn of the century, the pastor of the congregation called for the ordination of women. As many churches have divided along racial lines, Lakeshore has become a multicultural and multiracial congregation. The church is located at 3534 Lakeshore in Oakland.

Book Fest Showcases Queer Authors

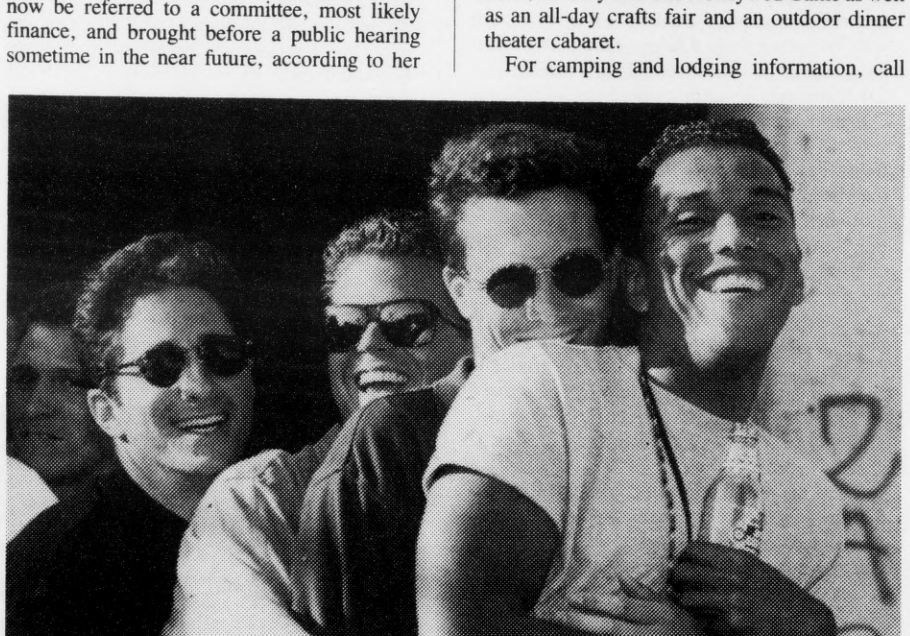
SAN FRANCISCO - Dorothy Allison and Armistead Maupin are among the dozens of local and national lesbian and gay authors and publishers to participate in the Third Annual San Francisco Bay Area Book Festival, Oct. 17-18 at the City's Concourse Exhibition Center, 8th and Brannan Streets, 10 am-6 pm. The event is free.

"We're excited that this year's festival will feature more lesbian and gay programming and presses than ever before," says Richard Labonte, manager of A Different Light bookstore on Castro Street and board member of the Book Festival. "One thing we want to do with this year's festival is introduce the public to the exciting mix of styles and cultural perspectives represented in this growing market."

For more info, call (415) 861-BOOK.

Bits & Pieces

Project Open Hand needs volunteers to help feed people with AIDS. Persons are asked to chop, stir and peel in the kitchen as well as bring the finished meals to PWAs in the city and the East Bay. For info, call (415) 558-0600... In other related news, Project Open Hand on Sept. 1 began providing African American meals to its clients. It's all part of a drive to provide "ethnically appropriate meals," says Director Steve Burns... The First African American Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transexual Conference will be held at the Metropolitan Community Church, 150 Eureka St. in San Francisco Oct. 16-17. Oct. 16 is for African Americans only; Oct. 17 for African Americans and others. For info, (415) 648-3658... No surprise here: the Human Rights Campaign Fund, the nation's largest lesbian/gay political organization, is calling the Bush Administration's response to the AIDS epidemic "a legacy of lies." Director Tim McFeeley says Bush "repeatedly misleads the American public and the Congress" on AIDS... The Bay Area will now have a chapter of the Gay Pilots' Association, a group of pilots, merchanics, air traffic controllers and others. For info, call (415) 861-4226... San Diego Mayor Maureen O'Connor has appointed a gay and lesbian advisory board to represent the concerns of the queer community in her administration... On Oct. 18, the California gay and lesbian community will hold hundreds of house parties to rally support for presidential candidate Bill Clinton and other Democratic candidates. For more info, call (310) 289-9212... Women can learn about volunteering with nonprofit organizations serving lesbians and other women at the second annual A Fair to Remember on Sept. 27, 12:30 pm at the Women's Building, 3543 18th St. in San Francisco.



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Boy pile—one of the zillions at the Folsom Street Fair last weekend.

Letters...

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the likes of Lou Sheldon and Jesse Helms. And they probably won't take kindly to the notion of oppressing women in the name of "gay rights." But heck, I'm sure they will come around once they realize that it's the only surefire and easy way to keep gays on earth. There is that sticky coat hanger problem... Oh well, there must be casualties in any "good" war. A few dead girls is a small price to pay for a lavender future.

Thanks again, you two, for a new perspective. Be careful though. I just read about this new intrauterine test that can determine if a fetus will grow up to be a misogynist butthead.

Michele Fisher
San Francisco

Oppression Isn't Fun, k.d.

I've been avoiding writing about k.d. lang for weeks. After all, she is every dyke's heroine these days, having just come out.

But on Aug. 2, an article in the *SF Examiner* quoted lang as saying: "There's a little bit of homophobia and a little bit of oppression [that lang had been subjected to], but I think that those are among the things that make us *like* our lifestyle. It's a *little* bit fun being oppressed. It's because you feel the pressure to be discreet and you feel a bit more special."

Not! This statement is a titillating denial of harm done to women, lesbians and gay men. Oh, sure, it's a *little bit fun* losing your job, losing custody of your children, getting hate stares, getting beaten up on the street. Oppression. What fun.

Does lang feel "special" because she was specially chosen to be oppressed? Dear k.d.: The only reason you were specially chosen was because you are a member of groups of people—women and lesbians—who have been targeted for oppression. It's not special. It's not sexy. It's nothing new. And most of us don't think it's fun.

Melissa Farley
San Francisco

Incisive Thom Bean

Kudos to Thom Bean and Bean Sprouts. I think he has really captured the way many of us feel about the absence of values in our community and about self-righteous Republicans. And kudos to *SF Bay Times* for showcasing such witty, incisive, thoughtful points of view.

Dan Morgan
San Francisco

Biology & Destiny

With the best of intentions, Dave Ford's "Write Stuff" column of Aug. 13 promotes a dangerous false hope. He reports on recent scientific findings showing anatomical differences between the brains of straight and gay men. These findings support the idea that homosexuality may be caused by biological factors, rather than social or psychological ones. In light of this news, Ford and others have seized on the idea that proof of "a biological basis for homosexuality... could lead to eventual societal acceptance of queers."

This scientific debate is important on a personal level. It affects each person's understanding of how they came to be who they are. But society will not put as much importance on it when it comes to deciding how to treat queers. Hanging our hopes on such a response is wishful thinking that could lead to disastrous complacency. Furthermore, it makes us dependent on the outcome of the debate, which is by no means settled, and it buys into the idea that a medical explanation of homosexuality is the only acceptable one.

When it comes to the acceptance of biologically determined conditions, society's past performance points to a bleak future. There is certainly a biological basis for being female or for being nonwhite or for being mentally or physically handicapped; none of these groups are treated as equals in our society. A biological basis for homosexuality would just add queers to the same list.

It might seem that a biological cause would make queers acceptable to the mainstream, because it would mean that no choice is involved. But that won't get you very far. About all you could say is that without choice, homosexuality can't be defined as sinful—and even that would only apply to celibates, because sexual activity would still be a choice. And even if you aren't a sinner, you can still be considered sick, or inferior, or perverted.

If homosexuality turns out to be biological, it will not change the attitudes of most homophobes; instead, it will justify their belief that, yes, homosexuals do have something wrong with them after all. It may even spur efforts to effect a cure, this time by early medical intervention, rather than by psychiatric methods as in the past. Don't underestimate the creative methods of torture, degradation and socially acceptable queer-bashing yet to be devised.

To make matters worse, the idea that homosexuality is acceptable if it is biological implies the converse: if homosexuality proves not to be biological, then it is wrong. One mainstream writer quoted by Ford said that if homosexuality is "inborn rather than chosen behavior," then "discrimination against homosexuals should be illegal." Did she mean to say that if homosexuality is not inborn, then discrimination is legitimate?

As a biologist (I am working on my PhD at UC Berkeley), I find it simplistic to think that social and psychological factors play no role in such a complex human trait as sexual orientation. I suspect that ultimately we will understand all varieties of queerdom to result from a combination of biological, social and psychological factors, even including conscious personal choice. Attempting to justify queerness with a medical excuse in the hopes that straight society will forgive it panders to their sense of superiority, appealing to their compassion for the less fortunate. It disowns queerness, making it an uninvited affliction under which we suffer. I think a healthier attitude is to accept the combination of factors in sexual orientation and celebrate this complexity, which is what being human is all about. Say to the homophobe, "It's none of your damn business why I'm queer, and it's not your place to judge, so I don't need to produce an explanation that makes you feel okay."

Or, to put it another way: "We're here. We're queer. Get used to it."

S.B. Minsuk
Berkeley

Sunset Pride

Recently thugs attacked the homes of two gay residents of the Sunset district that were flying gay pride rainbow flags. For months, cans and bottles were thrown against one house, with the attackers yelling epithets and then speeding away in a car. And then, in the dark of night, the attackers hurled bricks through the windows of both residences.

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At the next meeting of Sunset Rising, we'll be discussing ways to make the neighborhood safer and more supportive of all of us. If you live in the Sunset and would like to join us, call 753-6435 for information.

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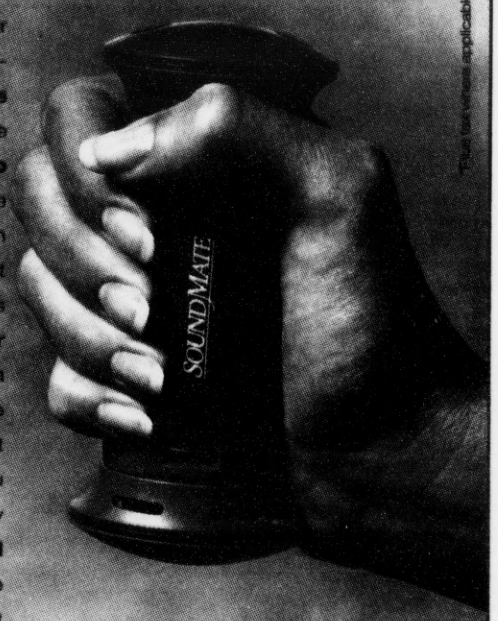

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of CURAS" is very disturbing. As a person who has lived with HIV disease since 1987 and worked as an activist, advocate, administrator and educator in the Hispanic communities of Los Angeles and San Francisco, I have known firsthand the destructive impact this kind of negative public attention can have on services for the people who need them the most. I am writing to ask everyone presently involved in political infighting of any kind to please consider the community's needs first.

In 12 years of struggle, through united activism and coalition building, we have made progress in the areas of public outreach, education, research and treatment. But we are, in some respects, still standing on a whale and fishing for minnows. We are still attacking each other, which is debilitating enough in itself. By bringing our personal differences into the public view, however, we are disempowering ourselves, because this diverts attention from serving the needs of the already underserved populations to the smaller issues of personal vindication, accusations without solutions or alternatives and targeting other people instead of problems.

We have seen these things from the outset of this epidemic at the highest levels of our government and, more sadly, within our own communities. We cannot turn on ourselves and expect to survive. We must unite. We must stop trying to identify the villain of the day and put our energies into identifying achievable goals and objectives. Have we not been saying all along, "Fight AIDS, not people"? Can we not focus on "the whale"? Can we not put our personal judgments aside and let the welfare of the clients be our first concern? If we cease to serve them first and allow political or personal motives to disrupt rather than bolster the provision of services, then we have lost sight of our purpose. If we don't acknowledge our common goal—the end of this epidemic—who wins and who loses?

We need to support, rather than battle, each other in order to be a community truly united in response to AIDS.

Vivamos nosotros juntos.

Dan Solliday
San Francisco

Sex Has Value

The letter from Al Kielwasser, a member of San Francisco Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation ("Adult Self Interest," *SF Bay Times*, Sept. 10), contained a number of demonstrably false and defamatory statements against a small, vulnerable minority. Mr. Kielwasser belittled the significance of Harvey Milk's childhood sexual experiences (experiences for which Milk was willing to risk arrest and exposure), and implied that sex, as a source of pleasure and fulfillment, has no value.

Mr. Kielwasser states that those who claim to be "boy-lovers," (a term which I did not use in my letter), are fixed on children's sexual freedom, "ignoring their urgent social, political and economic needs." In fact, the demands in NAMBLA's official position papers include a long list of policy reforms in all of these areas, among them: full constitutional rights for children; access to abortion, contraception and sex education for all children and youths, free from state or parental interference; freedom for children to live where they choose, with financial support independent from parental coercion; and free health care for persons with AIDS. They even challenge U.S. foreign policy, specifically condemning economic inequality and imperialism.

Citing "developmental factors," Mr. Kielwasser implies that sex is necessarily harmful to children, and that I have not considered this possibility. He states, with apparently no knowledge of the subject, that evidence of non-harmful child-adult sexual relationships "does not exist." My statements were based on a number of papers published over the last several years in professional journals.

Astonishingly, Mr. Kielwasser labels this debate "an insidious distraction." However, the positions of the Boy Scouts, the Vatican, reactionary school boards across the country, and even the U.S. military depend, for public support, on concerns about child sexuality. This may sound like a gap in logic to someone with political ambitions, but fear of "sexually damaging" children is one of the primary hammers that Republican/fascists have been using to beat down the entire progressive/left movement in this country. The most effective response to sexphobic campaigns against freedom is to shatter the myths that they're based on. Allowing these myths to stand allows continued oppression of youth within abusive nuclear families and leaves all free expression of sexuality vulnerable to censorship, suppression and government regulation.

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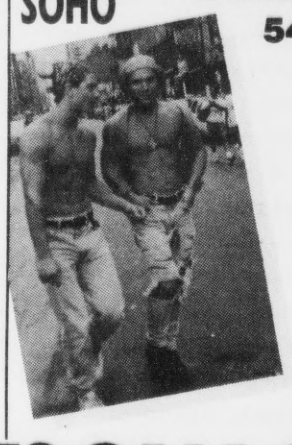

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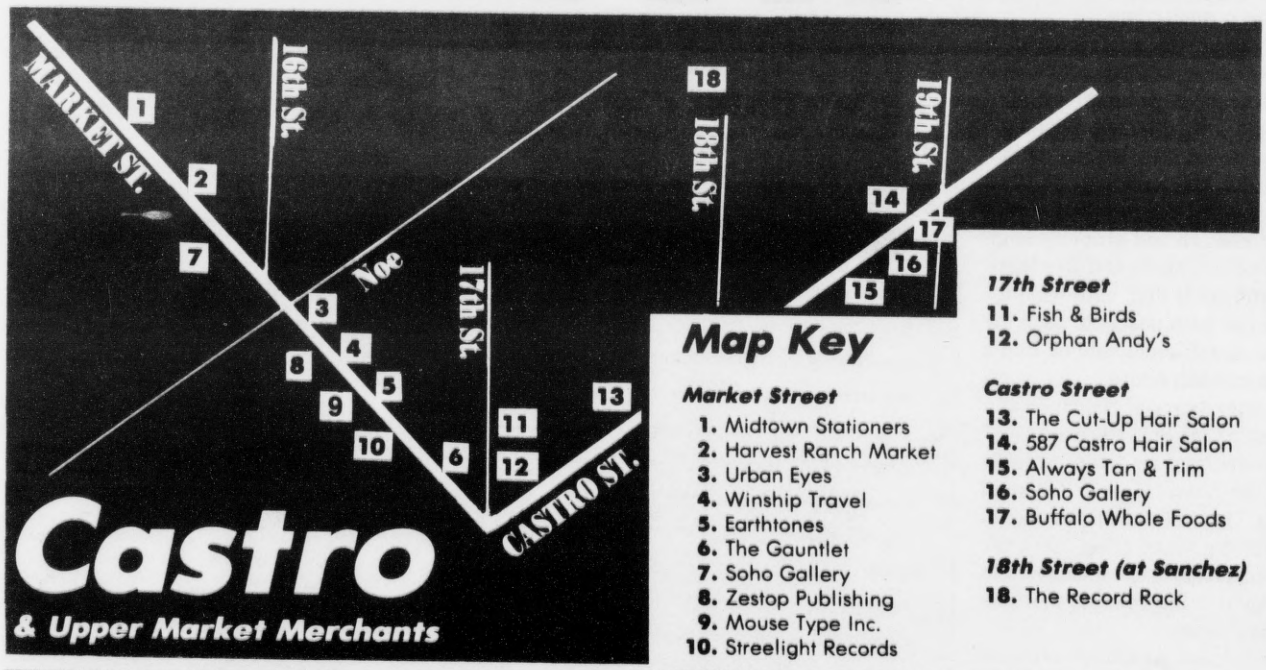

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Save Positive Care

I am writing this letter as an employee of the Center for Positive Care. The center is a collaborative effort by a variety of HIV/AIDS service providers to offer services to clients in a centralized location. As a result of the proposed cuts in the city's health department, the center is slated to close on Oct. 15. This closure will directly affect a large number of clients who are in need of services and cannot afford them. It is sad, in my opinion, that the Mayor's office seems more concerned over saving a baseball team than preserving health care for the citizens of San Francisco.

The closing of the Center for Positive Care, along with the other proposed cuts, will mean that a significant number of citizens will literally be left out in the cold as far as health care is concerned. While all this is going on, the Mayor and his staff are busy placing large banners across the entrance of city hall urging citizens to "Save the Giants." As a person with AIDS I find this very insensitive and offensive. The message to San Franciscans is that if you do not have health insurance and you plan on using any services in San Francisco, think twice. It appears the Mayor is forgetting the promises he made in his campaign in regard to early intervention for HIV disease. If the closing of the Center for Positive Care, an early intervention resource center, means that the Mayor supports AIDS services, then we need to trade him to another team.

Robert Baxter
San Francisco

Racist Prosecutions

The final chapter in the story describing the sequence of events generated by the April 29 Simi Valley verdicts remains to be written. And it's not all happening in Los Angeles and Ventura counties. Part of it continues to unfold right in our midst, because District Attorney Arlo Smith has chosen to prosecute the 2,000 persons arrested and detained in the aftermath of that infamous Wednesday.

Some San Franciscans will react to this slice of current events with an antagonistic "So what?" Their minds are made up: Arlo's job is to prosecute lawbreakers and, since what happened in our most-tolerant-of-all American metropolises was nothing more than random violence and thuggishness, he is doing the right thing.

Does it even occur to these good citizens to ask why only 105 individuals were selected for prosecution? I don't know. Do they need to know why the other 1,900 plus were not prosecuted? What do you suppose they'd do with the fact that, while only 10

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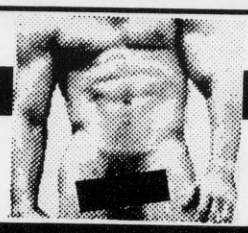

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Sweetness and Right

Welcome to the newest sign of the Zodiac: Libra! Of course it has been recognized as its own sign for a couple of millennia, but its prehistory is especially relevant now. In earlier times, what we recognize as Libra was once considered part of Scorpio. Modern star maps show the Scorpion facing the Scales, but with her claws held in close to her body. Pre-Hellenic astrologers pictured the Scorpion with her claws reaching out. Those extended claws were what we now see as the scales. The Greeks re-ordered astrology into a more mathematical and symmetrical system, and indeed there are major differences between Libra and Scorpio.

But there are Libras and—in the balance there are Libras! This is the sign most attuned to others. They can be the most supportive mates, the ideal partners, but as much as they identify with cooperation and culture, honesty and idealism, they have their dark side, just like any other sign. They can use their insight to be manipulative, controlling and viciously codependent. Kathy Bates in *Misery* could have been a perfectly berserk Libra.

As the Sun has just entered Libra, Libra's ruler, Venus, has also just entered Scorpio. (One does not necessarily follow the other, but it does coincide every eight years.) From Sept. 26 until Oct. 12 the Scorpionic Venus will be in aspect to the Sun bringing out the demanding, manipulative side of Libra, but also a creative sensuality that can be Libra at its best. Making the best of this can be a challenge, but a challenge well worth taking! (We all have Libra and Scorpio somewhere in our charts. This is no time for Leos and Aquarii to get smug and superior!)

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ARIES: You should be enjoying your work right now. Whatever your mood, your pleasure or lack of it will be very evident. Enthusiasm pro or con can be inspiring. Be careful how you express it. You may be the only person who has such enthusiasm, and it could create some dissonance with co-workers who think you should cool it. This passion could easily be channeled into a more private forum, and to wonderful effect. Your partner may enjoy hearing your vivid descriptions of your adventures at work, but would rather help you construct some adventures at home.

TAURUS: Your creative juices are now at high flow. This is an ideal time to mesh your ideals of creativity and work. As much as you can, enjoy your work, and those you work with will see a powerful spirit at work in your labors. Any artistic touch will be well received. Even if there isn't much room for artistry, whatever you put of yourself into your work will be highly appreciated and rewarded. Inspiration should come easily right now, but if it doesn't, just think of someone who loves you very much.

GEMINI: You crave company, even more so than usual. Actually, you want a very particular bit of company and not your usual mix of friends and acquaintances. It's a good time to stay at home, but not alone. Yes, you could be wonderfully creative fixing up your space right now. (In fact there's hardly any stopping you!) But if you're turning your home into a showcase, you certainly want to show it! Home is where you're sexiest now, but what you really need is affection, play, commitment and a sense of belonging. That may not necessarily include sex.

CANCER: These days you're just the picture of domestic charm. What an ideal time to have a few friends over for dinner! Your sign is famous for good home cooking and familial warmth. And yes, also your moods, but that's just a matter of timing and the time is now right! Or you could channel that maternal warmth into discussing anything you've been wanting to take up with roommates. Writing letters to family members is also a favored activity these days. This can be a good time to dig up old unfinished business—and remember: Just because you write letters doesn't mean you have to mail them!

LEO: We all know that you're just too charming and wonderful for words. Actually, it's all those words that spoil the effect. The more you toot your own horn, the less people will believe that it's all true. And what do you really believe? Whatever you say will tend to come off graciously, but overemphatically. Go easy on your company, and try to keep things light and easy. You can hold firm to your opinions, but smile sweetly and express them in a simple matter-of-fact fashion. Remember that a stage whisper commands more attention than a roar, especially when everyone's used to the roaring!

VIRGO: Some of the old books say that Virgo is the plain Jane of the zodiac. (Tell it to Madonna!) This is your time to prove them wrong. Your sense of style is at its peak, but now it's teamed up with your strong sense of economy to help you go on a very sensible but spectacular shopping spree. The thrift shops and bargain basements are hiding treasures for you! Shopping may usually be a great way to get into trouble, but now it keeps you safely away from arguments. You crave agreement over matters that really aren't that important. Effort to achieve unity can undermine harmony. Save your energy and friendships; agree to disagree.

LIBRA: The 30 days before your birthday is typically a good time to lay low. Right now you're looking so good and feeling so charming, seclusion seems such a waste! You're easily torn between the need for private reflection and the desire to enjoy all that sweet attention. The best of both worlds is to hide out with the one person (or a special few) whose attention you most enjoy. Or you can hide behind good works and enjoy the attentions of those you're helping and those you're working with. The inner satisfaction will also make you more attractive in other settings. *Happy Birthday: Maggie Rubenstein!*

SCORPIO: Your political instincts are very sharp right now, but you're at your best behind the scenes. If you want to play Machiavelli, you could do very well as long as you're working on someone else's behalf. Staying in the background isn't easy now, nor are you eager to stay out of the spotlight. You could simply enjoy the company that surrounds you, but it isn't really that simple. A part of you craves more than "just" good company. This is an ideal time for you to be doing service in your community or to be active in a spiritual fellowship.

SAGITTARIUS: This is an ideal time to win friends and influence people. If you have any political ambitions at all, this is the time to consolidate your friends and move into position. Just be very careful to make sure your friends feel valued. It may be easy to take them for granted—and they will see that right away! Subtlety is not in your long list of virtues. Expect nothing of them. Honor them, appreciate them, and be utterly forthright; they will do you almost any favor you ask, and a few that you wouldn't.

CAPRICORN: This is a wonderful time to get your name out as an authority in any matter you would like to opine on. You can comfortably associate with your "superiors" and fit in with them. In open situations where you are seeking knowledge, you may end up becoming the teacher, however inadvertently —not that you resist pushes to the podium! Just be careful that you don't relish this taste of attention too much. Treat it like sunshine. Enjoy it, use it, don't imagine you can control it. In this position a little humility is especially helpful!

AQUARIUS: You're now in a very affectionate, playful mood, wanting to flirt and gambol about, feeling sexy and explorative. You exude commitment and passion, but you really want fun and games without much attachment. You probably don't realize that you are unconsciously signaling "promises" that you have no intention of making, let alone keeping. Your real intentions could be a very rude shock to someone who's reading those signals. Assume nothing. State clearly even what you think should be perfectly obvious.

PISCES: You are now, as much as ever, focused on partnership, and your erotic yearnings are at their sensual strongest. If you have a partner who can match your passions you are extremely lucky. If not, the discrepancy—or the lack—can create a lot of trouble. Your lover may not be able to keep up with you. Open negotiation and discussion of your sexual ideals are very important now. You may have to be extremely careful not to lace it with demands and threats. An open relationship could be a very useful thing right now, but affectionless slutting about feels empty and useless. Especially if you are single you can find this time very busy, but empty. Try not to make demands on reality, but make use of what you have. Don't go out in desperation. Fuckbuddies with sincere affection (if not quite the big L *love*) can be wonderful, if you accept and value them on existing terms.

THE SAN FRANCISCO
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SEP 25 / F R I

Women's Wkend 2! At the River 3 days of fun with hundreds of beautiful women, hot entertainment, craft fairs, swimming, golfing, canoeing, dining, cabaret, contests, karaoke, and lots more. Performers include Thelma Houston, Rhiannon, Lisa Cohen, Rashida Oji, Melanie DeMore, *Cana Brava*, women's salsa band, and many more. For reservations, tix & other info call Fife's Resort (800-734-3371, (707) 869-0656; or The Woods (800) 479-6637, (707) 879-0111. Wheelchair Accessible. Sober Support provided throughout the weekend. Come relax & party on the River—see you there!

Marin BACW TGIF & WCD: Bay Area Career Women's Thank Goodness It's Friday & We Can Dance—in the wine cellar at the Holiday Inn, San Rafael. Directions: Take 101 north to the Frietas Parkway Exit, take first right & continue uphill to the Holiday Inn. Come dissolve the week's stress on the dance floor! Complimentary light snacks served. 7-8 pm social, 8-11 pm dancing. $8. Info: Diane 492-9570.

How to Female Ejaculate—Debi Sundahl, publisher of *On Our Backs*, discusses her latest video at Leather Masters, 969 Park Ave, San Jose. Debi shows video clips & leads an inspiring (!) discussion on female sexuality & female ejaculation. 7:30 pm.

New World: New Church a wkend of special events with author/activist Rev Malcolm Boyd and Rev Nancy Wilson, pastor & elder of Metropolitan Community Church (MCC). See 9/24.

At Modern Times Bookstore: Double bookparty/reading with Rudolfo Anaya & Sylvia Lopez-Medina. Anaya reads from her new novel, *Albuquerque* & Lopez-Medina reads from *Cantora*, the story of four generations of Mexican-American women. 7:30 pm. 888 Valencia St, SF.

"West Coast Sweep," dance concert by Unbound Spirit, see 9/24.

At Cody's Books: Sarah Weddington, the victorious attorney in the *Roe v. Wade* case, discusses her new book, *A Question of Choice*, a personal account of the struggle for women's reproductive freedom. 8 pm. 2454 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 845-7852.

One Night Stand-Ups at Josie's Cabaret, see 9/24.

Club nZinga: Int'l dance party at El Rio, 3158 Mission St, SF. 9 pm-2 am, $3. 3158 Mission St, SF. Info: 282-3325.

Spoken Word Savages Series presents "Women on the Verge," an eve of poetry by Amy Kashiwabara & Maura O'Conner. 9 pm, $4/$5 at the Elbo Room, 647 Valencia St, SF. Info: 558-8112.

Ecstasy Lounge presents a night of lesbian erotic entertainment you'll never forget—nasty safe sex demos, erotic art, videos, lots of hot women. Doors open from 9 pm-2:30 am, play until 4 am. All women are welcome! At EROS, the Community Center for Safe Sex, 2051 Market St at Church, SF. For details call the info line 267-6915.

SEP 26 / S A T

Women's Weekend at the River—see 9/25 listing for details.

Pt Richmond Run with Eastbay Frontrunners: Take I-80 to I-580 toward the Richmond/San Rafael Bridge. Exit at Harbor Way South, go left (1/2 + mile), turn left on South Garrard thru the tunnel. Park along the curb above the park. Meet at 9 am. Info: Roz (510) 939-3579 or Greg (510) 865-6792.

New World: Old Church a special wkend of events continues, see 9/24.

Alcatraz & Pigging Out with Negatives Being Positive: Tour of Alcatraz, followed by mainland brunch. Meet at 9:45 am at the Red & White Fleet Ticket Booth at Pier 41, SF to buy tix for tour ($8.50, includes the audio tour, wear comfortable walking shoes & dress warmly). All HIV-negative friends are welcome. Info/RSVP Neal 255-7672. Spons by UCSF AIDS Health Project.

Chinese Medicine Class: 10 am-5 pm, free. An overview of Chinese medicine for beginning students & those who want to understand more about this alternative health system. Info/location: The Amma Institute 441-1785.

Positives Being Positive group goes to the Gay & Lesbian Day at Raging Waters. Admission includes luau buffet with unlimited beer, wine & soda, and an Alfresco dance party. Meet 10 am under the Safeway sign at Market St Safeway, 10 am, to arrange carpools. Event is a benefit for Aris Project Santa Clara. For info on the event call them at (408) 450-2265, for carpool info call Brian (415) 386-2103.

Self-Defense Wkshop for Women, spons by UCSF Rape Prevention Program. 10 am-5 pm, $65. Class limited to 20 women, pre-reg required. Taught by self-defense instructor Trisha Brinkman. Focus on street-wise personal safety, defense & escape methods. Learn self-assertiveness skills & self-protection techniques in a safe, supportive environment. UCSF Millberry Union, Studio 2, 500 Parnassus Ave, SF. Info/reg: 476-5222.

Good Vibrations Marathon Shopping Day: Good Vibrations celebrates their reopening (they've been closed for expansion 9/7-11) with a marathon shopping day, open 11 am-midnight! 1210 Valencia St, SF. Info: 550-7399.

Women's Equality Day Luncheon spons by SF NOW (Nat'l Organization for Women) to celebrate the 72nd anniversary of the constitutional amendment granting women the right to vote. Noon-1:30 pm at Empress of China Restaurant, 838 Grant Ave at Washington, SF. $25 donation (SL fee available). Limited seating, adv reg required. Call 861-8880 for info/reg.

Resolving Conflicts at Work: Wkshop teaches you how to resolve work conflicts with less stress and more success. Led by Joanne Martin Braun, PhD. Spons by UCSF Women's Resource Center. 1-4 pm, $35 (no one turned away for lack of funds). Pre-reg required, call 476-5222 for info/res.

At A Different Light Bookstore: gay priest, author & activist Malcolm Boyd reads from his new book, *Edges, Boundaries & Connection*. 3:30 pm, free. 489 Castro St, SF. Info: 431-0891.

At A Different Light Bookstore: Author Malcolm Boyd (*Look Back in Joy, Gay Priest, Are You Running With Me, Jesus?*) reads from & signs copies of his latest book, *Edges, Boundaries & Connection*. 3:30 pm. 489 Castro St, SF. Info: 431-0891.

BWMT Rap/Social: Tonight's topic—"Cathartic Comics 3 Years Later," a talk with Rupert Kinnard. Doors open at 6:30 pm, rap starts promptly at 7. Facilitator Peter Eggenberger; greeter, Calvin Lowery. Refreshments served, everyone welcome. 1350 Waller St nr Haight & Masonic, SF.

Bay Area Lesbian/Gay Peace Corps Returned Volunteers: First anniversary party—7 pm! For details call (510) 655-5774 or (415) 626-1940.

Marin/Sonoma BACW Country Western Dance: Join Bay Area Career Women for the Dubble Trubble Dance! 7:30 pm-midnight! Free c&w dance lessons 7:30-8. See you there! Info: 495-5393.

"West Coast Sweep," dance concert by Unbound Spirit, see 9/24.

One Night Stand-Ups at Josie's Cabaret, see 9/24.

The Flirtations: gay, political, five-man a capella singing group returns to SF for a performance tonight at Herbst Theatre, Civic Center. 8 pm. Tix: $10, $15 & $25. Tix available at A Different Light Bookstore, SF; City Box Office, BASS/TM & Herbst Box Office. Info: 282-5492.

ATA Other Cinema Series presents "Burnt Toast," program guest-curated by John Martin. See the first-ever exhibit of computer/video pieces produced with New Tek's Video Toaster. An all-day event at ATA Gallery, 992 Valencia St, Sf. Info: 824-3890. $5.

Mid-Peninsula BACW (Bay Area Career Women) Singles Dance for Women in San Mateo: Fabulous tunes with Denise Dunne, lots of single dance partners! 8:30 pm-12:30 am, $15 at the Mainliner Club, 42nd & Pacific Ave, San Mateo. Info: Mary 589-1773.

At the I-Beam: *The Dickies* plus special guests. 9 pm, $10 adv, $12 at door. 1748 Haight St, SF. Info: 668-6006.

Alternative Music Night at El Rio with *The Witnesses, Louder Than God* and *Stickleback*. 3158 Mission St, SF. 10 pm-2 am, $5. Info: 282-3325.

SEP 27 / S U N

Women's Weekend at The River—See 9/25 listing for details. Final day!

Menstrual Health Foundation spons "Reclaiming the Wise Woman, Redefining Menopause," a workshop focused on regaining the ancient understanding of the mystery of menopause and learning what we can do to support this important life change. Wkshop appropriate for women of all ages, and women who have had medically induced menopause. 10 am-5 pm. Info/reg: (707) 829-2744.

Acceptance Place Open House: All former graduates & friends are invited to meet current residents & staff, celebrate recovery in the gay community. Music, refreshments, fellowship & fun! Noon-6 pm at 673 San Jose Ave (btwn 28th & 29th), SF. Info: 695-1708.

SF's 1st Organic Harvest Fair: Noon-5 pm in Sharon Meadows, Golden Gate Park, SF. Theme: "Organic Food Fair: Sustainable Agriculture Brought to You," fair features a cornucopia of organic food to sample & buy, offered by local farmers, manufacturers & distributors. Event spons by Rainbow Grocery, Other Avenues Food Store, Inner Sunset Community Store & Noe Valley Community Store. Includes booths offering a great variety of organic foods, family-oriented entertainment, music, children's activities & info about urban gardening, sustainable agriculture & global environmental issues.

BACW Fair to Remember: Bay Area Career Women & the Women's Bldg sponsor a day for women to learn about volunteering with community organizations serving the needs of lesbians & other women. Enjoy an afternoon of entertainment by local performers while you learn how to contribute your badly-needed talents & skills. 12:30-3:30 pm at the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF. Info: 495-5393. Childcare by reservation (call Kim, 431-1180 for info). Please refrain from wearing scents or perfumes.

Artistic Blocks discussion for comics & performers, 3 pm. For info/location call Jon Sugar 731-2424.

"West Coast Sweep," dance concert by Unbound Spirit—final performance! See 9/24 listing for details.

BI's Over 40: Support group for bisexual women & men over 40 meets today, 4-6 pm, in SF. Info/location: Maggi Rubenstein 584-0172.

Salsa Garden Party at El Rio with *Los Kimbos*. 4-8 pm, $7. 3158 Mission St, SF. Info: 282-3325.

At ClaireLight Women's Books: Jess Wells reads from *Aftershocks*, a story set in SF following an 8.0 earthquake. 1110 Petaluma Hill Rd #5, Santa Rosa. Call (707) 575-8879 for time & other info.

AJIRA (Addicted Jews in Recovery Anonymous) Mtg: Jews in recovery & their significant others are welcome to this monthly discussion of 12-Step programs. Focus on exploring recovery in the context of Jewish perspectives. 6-7:30 pm, free. SF Jewish Community Center, 3200 California St, SF. Info: Claire Silver 346-6040 ext 240.

Cana Brava, Bay's Area's newest women's salsa band, featuring Lichi Fuentes, Mercedes Troncoso, Dulce Arguelles, Sandi Poindexter, Dair Obenshain, Yumiko Abe, Sandra Guerra, Maria Sanchez & Sylvia Sherman, in concert at La Pena Cultural Center. 7 pm salsa dance lessons (extra donation requested), 8 pm party! Tix $7. 3105 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 849-2568.

One Night Stand-Ups at Josie's Cabaret, see 9/24. Final performance!

Bon Voyage Party for Susie Bright, sex activist/author (*Virtual Reality*) as she leaves the US to spend an undetermined amount of time in France, where she will finish another book. Entertainers include Susie, plus Lily Braindrop (Editrix of *Taste of Latex*), and the Safe Sex Sluts. Emcee Queero Mimi-Freed. Musical performance by *Fork* (formerly *Fuxxfactor*) plus special surprises and lots of sexy go go girls and guys. 8 pm, $6-10 SL fee at Pussy Galore, 3160 16th St, SF. Info: Pussycat Hotline 561-9771.

SEP 28 / MON

"Intuitive Self-Discovery," a free lecture/meditation with Van R Ault, CHT, an intro to his fall class in personal transformation. 7 pm at First Unitarian Church, Fireside Room, 1187 Franklin St btwn Gough & Geary, SF. Info: 386-5878.

Gay Comedy Open Mike at Josie's Cabaret, with emcee Sabrina Matthews. 8 pm, $4. Aspiring lesbian & gay comics sign up by phone by 7 pm. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info: 861-7933.

Bi-Friendly SF meets for food, drink & conversation at the Village Deli, 495 Castro St, SF. 7 pm. All bisexuals (and bi-friendly others) are welcome! Info: 753-0687.

At Cody's Books: Tom Tomorrow (nom de cartoon for Dan Perkins) presents a slideshow from his new book, *Greetings from the Modern World*. 8 pm. 2454 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 845-7852.

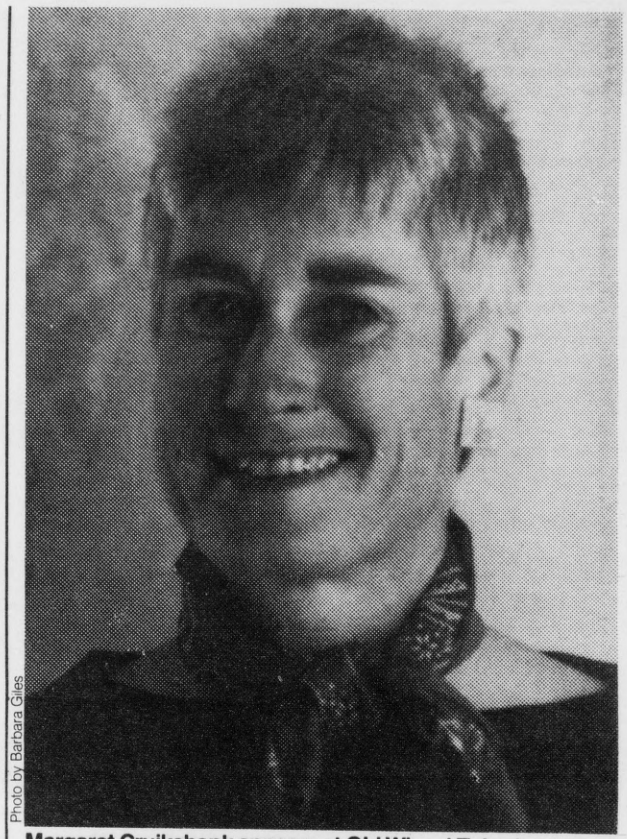
FISH Sketch Comedy Theater at El Rio with Ron Lynch, Barry Lank & Jim Earl, Carrie Collier, Andrea Lee, Don Perazzo, Bill Burnat, Tim Ostrander, Eby Parker & Gary Hobish. 9 pm, $5. 3158 Mission St, SF. Info: 282-3325.

SEP 29 / T U E

"Guns, Sticks & Missiles: Raising Loving Songs," lecture by Joanna Levine, LCSW, spons by UCSF Women's Resource Center, see Parents & Kidsbox for details.

At ClaireLight Women's Books: Banned Book Reading—local luminaries read selections from their favorite banned books. 5 pm, free. 1110 Petaluma Hill Rd #5, Santa Rosa. Info: (707) 575-8879.

Meet the Goddess of Ten Thousand Names: Ongoing weekly classes for women. Tonight's class focuses on compassionate Goddesses—Quan Yin, Tara, Yemaya, Guadalupe, Demeter & Hokmah. 7-10 pm, $20-30 SL fee, no one turned away for lack of funds. Partial work exchange available. Beginners welcome! Near MacArthur BART. Info/reg: Pati McDermott, psychic



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Margaret Cruikshank appears at Old Wives' Tales bookstore on Sept. 24. See Calendar for info.

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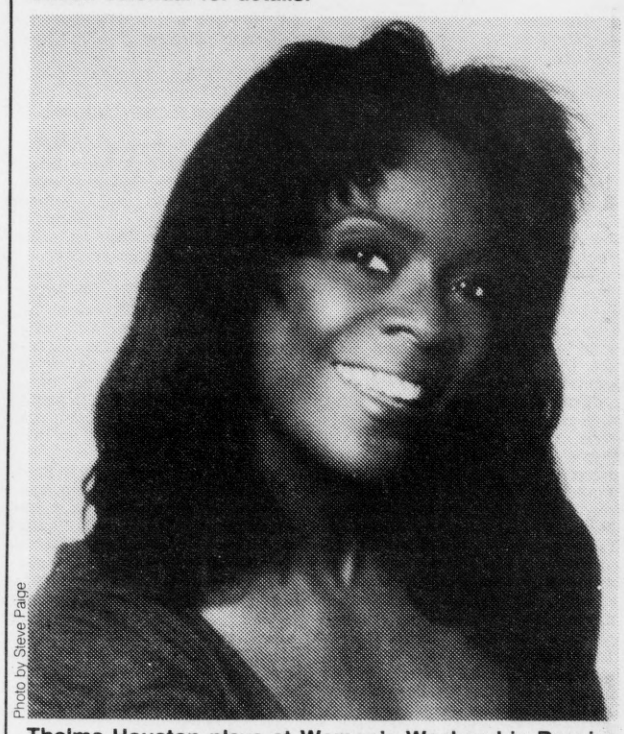
Johnny D in concert at MACE Space for Art, Oct. 5 & 6. Check Calendar for details.



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Thelma Houston plays at Women's Weekend in Russian River on Sept. 27, Calendar has details.

counselor & certified hypnotherapist (510) 652-6355.

Meet the Goddess of Ten Thousand Names: Part of a weekly series of drop-in classes for women. Tonight's class focuses on the Compassionate Goddesses—Quan Yin, Tara, Yemaya, Guadalupe, Demeter & Hokmah. Meet each Goddess personally, thru information-sharing & ritual. 7-10 pm, $20-30 SL fee. Partial work exchange available, no one turned away for lack of funds. Beginners welcome! Location: next to MacArthur BART Station. Info/reg: Pati McDermott, psychic counselor & certified hypnotherapist, (510) 652-6355. Also see 10/6 listing.

"Our Greatest Challenge: The Race to Save Our Planet," a talk by Dorothy Walden at Amron Metaphysical Ctr, 2254 Van Ness Ave, SF. 7 pm. Info: 775-0227.

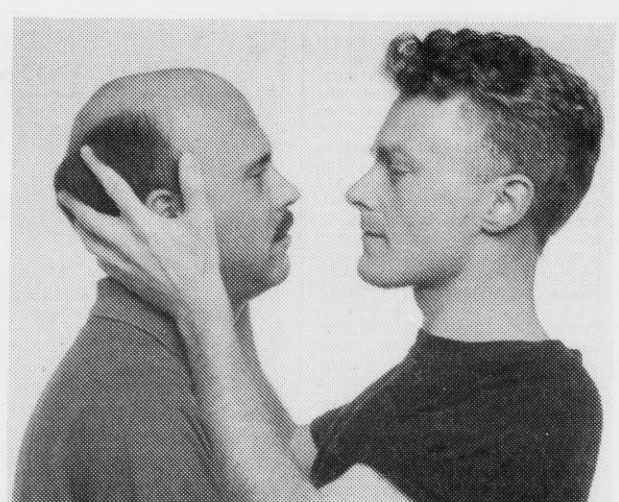
Bi-Friendly Eastbay meets 7:30 pm at the Bison Brewery, 2598 Telegraph at Parker, for food, drink & conversation. All bisexuals (and bi-friendly others) are welcome! Info: Betsy (510) 845-7441.

At Cody's Books: Pat Cody, co-founder of Cody's Books, reads & discusses *Cody's Books: The Life & Times of a Berkeley Bookstore, 1956-1977*, which she co-wrote with Fred Cody. An inspiring work for those who have a passion for great books & great bookstores. 8 pm. 2454 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 845-7852.

At Thunder Bay: *Yahweh's Mistake* and *The Plagerists*. Doors open at 8 pm, $3. One Bolivar Drive at Addison St (Aquatic Park) Berkeley. Info: (510) 843-0405.

Ethel's at Josie's: New show from the producers of "What Ever Happened to BB Jane?" and "Psycho the Musical," with Mark Sargeant as Ethel Merman, and a cast of the best Bay Area cabaret talent, singing your favorite classic & contemporary Broadway hits. 8 pm, $8. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

Author/scholar Camille Paglia (*Sexual Personae*) discusses her newly released collection of essays, *Sex, Art & American Culture*, tonight at the Herbst Theatre, Civic Center, SF. 8 pm. Tix at BASS: (510) 762-2277.



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"The Lisbon Traviata," a comic drama about gay relationships and grand opera at Theatre Rhino. Check OnStage for details.

SEP 30 / W E D

"The Politics of Breast Cancer & Violence Against Women," a talk by Sandra Butler, MA, trainer/consultant and author of *Cancer in Two Voices*. An examination of the disturbing parallels between the two issues, and a discussion of organizing strategies to move women toward physical, emotional & social wellness. Spons by Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services as part of their "Speak Easy" lecture series. 6:30 pm, donations welcome, no one turned away for lack of funds. 1748 Market St at Valencia, SF. Info: 565-7667.

Vote for Health: Fundraising & voter registration drive for Clinton/Gore, Boxer & Feinstein, hosted by the Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual community at Cafe San Marcos, 2367 market St, SF. 6-8:30 pm. $20 contribution gets you complimentary hors d'oeuvres, no-host bar, and the satisfaction of standing up for OUR lives and OUR family values.

Marin BACW Course in Miracles: Join Bay Area Career Women's ongoing study group promoting personal & spiritual growth. 7-9 pm. Newcomers welcome! Info: Sharon 453-9317.

"Finding the Right Therapist," talk by Joanne Martin Braun, PhD. Learn how to determine what kind of therapy you need, how to interview perspective therapists, and facts about fees & insurance. 7:30 pm, $5. SF Jewish Community Center, 3200 California St, SF. Info: 346-6040.

At A Clean-Well Lighted Place for Books: Mystery author James Ellroy (*The Big Nowhere, LA Confidential, The Black Dahlia*) reads from his latest mystery *White Jazz*. 7:30 pm. Opera Plaza, 601 Van Ness Ave, SF. Info: 441-6670.

Royal Eagle Bear Productions present a special screening of videos: See *Mujeria: The Olmeca Rap (Pt 1)*, a 3 min animated rap video imagining what the pre-Columbian Olmeca culture might have looked like had the 3000-yr-old stone monolithic heads been female; *Mujeria: Primitive & Proud (Pt II)*, a 17 min sequel about one Olmeca character who is accidentally transformed across time & space to be reborn into the Chicana spirit of Eagle Bear; *Two Spirits: Native Lesbians & Gays*, a half-hour experimental documentary focused on Native lesbian & gay identity; and *Me, & Mr Mauri*, clips from a feature-length documentary focusing on the "extended familia" shared by a gay Latino who died of AIDS and his Chicana lesbian homegirl. 7:30 pm, $4-6 donation. At La Pena, 3105 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. No one turned away for lack of funds.

HIV Update Town Mtg: Spons by Project Inform, the nonprofit HIV & AIDS treatment info, advocacy & research organization. Update Town Meetings present the latest news on HIV treatment, research & political developments, and are led by Martin Delaney, Project Inform's Executive Director. 7:30 pm at Metropolitan Community Church (MCC)-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. Info: 558-8669.

At Modern Times Bookstore: Author Todd Gitlen (*Inside Prime Time, The Sixties: Years of Hope, Days of Rage*) reads from his first novel, *The Murder of Albert Einstein*. 7:30 pm. 888 Valencia St, SF.

At Thunder Bay: *Rhythm Chaos* and *Callknolly*. Doors open at 8 pm, $3. One Bolivar Drive at Addison St (Aquatic Park), Berkeley. Info: (510) 843-0405.

Paul Anelli as Miss Ann Drogynous in "The Kid Herself: A Broadway Cabaret," at Josie's. An exciting & eclectic eve of song & monologue from Miss Ann Drogynous, the glamorous, zany, singing & dancing drag persona of Paul Anelli (and star of the musical spoof "What Ever Happened to BB Jane?" and "Drag Queens in Outer Space"). Plays Wed-Sun at 8 pm thru 10/11. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

At Faster Pussycat!—*Drance*, industrial queer band from LA, and tattoo love child Ron Athey. DJ Downtown Donna. At The Clubhouse, 3160 16th St, SF. Info: Pussycat Hotline 561-9771.

OCT 1 / T H U

Off the Hook with Dr Bob: Radio talk show focused on issues surrounding addiction & recovery. 10 am-11 am on KEST-AM 1450. Today's topic: "Forgiving the Unforgivable," with guest author/therapist Beverly Flanigan. Info: 267-6947.

Working Out: A Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual Studies Curriculum Colloquium: *Village Voice* writer B Ruby Rich and Dorothy Allison, author of *Trash*, join UC Berkeley staff, students & faculty in a discussion on laying the foundation for a lesbian/gay/bisexual studies program. 5-7 pm in the Maude Fife Room, Wheeler Hall, UC Berkeley. Info: (510) 642-7264.

Rainbow's End, group for lesbian, gay & bisexual youth ages 14-23 meets tonight & 10/8, 15, 22 & 29. First-time visitors drop-in time 5:30-6 pm, all first-time visitors should attend, gen'l group time 6-7:30 pm. Call 457-1115 for mtg location, to leave a message call 457-3523 (messages picked up Thurs eves). Spons by Spectrum.

Macy's Passport '92 Benefit for Shanti Project: 2-day multi-media extravaganza combining designer fashions, theater & music at Ft Mason's Festival Pavilion in SF. Features the fashions of Michael Kors, Marc Jacobs & Lolita Lempika. Gen'l admission tix $20-35, available by calling (510) 762-BASS Limited sponsor ($150), patron ($200) & benefactor seating ($500) includes dinner prepared by some of Calif's finest chefs, preferred seating at the dinner & show, valet parking & post-show dessert reception. For info/dinner tix call Loder & Associates (415) 431-0613.

Marin BACW Business Mtg: Come help Bay Area Career Women plan activities for the last three months of the year. Info: Sharon 453-9317.

New Horizons social/support group for young adults in their 20s meets tonight. Topic: "Lapsing Into Unsafe Sex." 7:45 pm drop-in time for new members, mtg 8-9:30 pm. Isabel Cook Center, 1000 Sir Francis Drake Blvd, San Anselmo. Room 18. Info: 457-3523.

Paul Anelli as Miss Ann Drogynous at Josie's Cabaret, see 9/30 listing for details.

OCT 2 / F R I

Buddhist Retreat for Lesbians: Led by Arinna Weisman at Joshua Tree, Calif. 11/13-15. Open to all levels of practice. For reg/info call Jim Hopper (213) 665-7686.

Learn at Lunch lecture/discussion series continues with "How to Manage Anxiety." 12:15 pm at West Coast Institute, an addiction education & counseling center in SF. 16 Joost St, SF. Reservations required, call 585-7662 for details.

Macy's Passport '92 Benefit for Shanti Project—final night! See 10/1 listing for details.

Fat Fridays: End of the week, life in the fat lane, schmoozing at Cafe Commons, 3161 Mission St, SF. Every 1st & 3rd Fri (today & 10/16), 6-8 pm. All fat dykes & fat queer womyn welcome. Info: Susan (510) 658-3300.

Eve of Comedy & Dance aboard the Santa Rosa Ferry with comics Suzy Berger, Margaret Cho, Marilyn Pittman, Danny Williams, Scott Capurro, Mark Davis, Karen Ripley & Knowledge in Motion; plus dynamic dance sounds by KMEL's Bill Lee. Benefit for the Stop AIDS Project. $50 boarding pass, space limited, call early! Info/reg: 575-3990.

Paul Anelli as Miss Ann Drogynous at Josie's Cabaret, see 9/30 listing for details.

Juntos Dance Co explores the cross-cultural translation of gay culture into the languages of dance & theatre, tonight & tmw at Theater Artaud, 450 Florida St, SF. 8 pm, $15. Tix at A Different Light Bookstore (489 Castro St, SF) or at Theater Artaud Box Office. Call 621-7797 for info/reg.

Comic Tom Ammiano in "Wrists II," at Josie's Cabaret. Ammiano returns with his summer hit, a one-man, two-wristed comedy show, a hysterical scatter-shot monologue about his gay life since the late '80s. Ammiano goes after SF politics & the Boy Scouts, discusses being a gay father, safe sex, outing showbiz types, telephone answering machines, the foibles of being an openly gay comic and other tidbits of queer life in America. 10 pm, $10. Show Plays Fridays, tonight & 10/9, 16 & 30.

OCT 3 / S A T

Register for Gay Run '92, a fundraiser for PAWS (Pets Are A Wonderful Support) for people with HIV/AIDS. Spons by SF Frontrunners. Event takes place on 10/11. Call 626-1380 for reg forms & other info. Registration $15 till today, $18 after. Everyone welcome!

Alameda Run with Eastbay Frontrunners: Take 23rd Ave exit off Hwy 880 to Kennedy St (merges briefly with 23rd), turning right onto Park St. Cross Park St Bridge into Alameda & continue thru town to Otis. Turn left on Otis & follow across bridge. Turn right on Island Dr & immediately right onto Veterans Ct. Meet 9 am at end of court. Info: Roz (510) 939-3579 or (510) Greg 865-6792.

City Bicycle Tour for people with AIDS/HIV, spons by Shanti Project Activities Program. Come explore wonderful, interesting parts of SF. Sign-up required. Free. This event is repeated on 10/11. For info call Shanti Project 777-2273.

Deadline to register for upcoming Breath & Movement Wkshop for Adoptees (10/17). With our first breath, most of us were separated from our mothers. This can make breathing a painful memory. We may wonder why we continue. Come explore body memories thru movement, do some cathartic breathing to open up a space for love, healing & transformation on a cellular level. $50. Info/eg: Amy Jane Cheney 923-1454.

Essential Oil Healing Baths: A presentation by Rayna Alana at A New Leaf Recovery Resource Store. Essential oil healing baths relieve trauma & heal aura damage due to alcohol or drug use, and emotional or sexual abuse. Rayna Alana will custom-blend oils & offer professional consultation all day (10:30 am-9 pm). Stop by, or call for an appointment. 545 Magnolia Ave, Larkspur. Info: 924-8970.

Medicine Cards Wkshop with Susan Levitt at Two Sisters Book Shop, 605 Cambridge, Menlo Park. Noon-3 pm, $35. Info: 331-1028.

Juntos Dance at Theater Artaud, see 10/2 listing for details.

Bay Area Women's Philharmonic opens its 12th season tonight at First Congregational Church, SF. Program features acclaimed flutist Eugenia Zuckerman in the world premiere of *The Atmosphere as a Fluid System*. Also *Prologue & Variations* by Ellen Taafe Zwilich, Michelle Ekizian's *Saber Dances*, Cecile Chaminade's *Flute Concertino* and Zoltan Kodaly's *Peacock Variations*. Tix/info: 543-2297.

At Cody's Books: Author Terry McMillan (*Disappearing Acts*) reads from her new novel, *Waiting to Exhale*, the chronicle of the friendship between four Black women, all at turning points in their lives & relationships. 8 pm. 2454 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 845-7852.

Paul Anelli as Miss Ann Drogynous at Josie's Cabaret, see 9/30 listing for details.

ATA's Other Cinema series continues with "Backlash," a program focusing on women's responses to the current anti-feminist political climate. Includes work by Valerie Soe, Vanalyne Green, Marusia Bociurkiw, Trish Rosen, Kate Farrell & Sadie Benning, plus taped interviews with Susan Faludi and Molly Ivins. 8:30 pm, $5. ATA Gallery, 992 Valencia St, SF. Info: 824-3890.

Gay Comedy Night at Josie's Cabaret with comics Mark Davis, Mimi Freed & Doug Holsclaw. 10 pm, $8. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

OCT 4 / S U N

Coming Out at Work: Wkshop for lesbians & gay men. Prepare for National Coming Out Day! Use role plays, journal writing, drawing & discussion to help create the possibility for being whole at work. Info: Karen Cohn 695-8852.

19th Annual Castro Street Fair! 10 am-6 pm on Market Street from Noe to Castro, and Castro Street from 17th to 19th, SF. Free, all-day concert featuring 17 top Bay Area bands, plus lots of entertainers & comics, community booths (over 200!), arts & crafts, and lots of fun. Don't miss!

At Thunder Bay: "Eclectic Groove," a benefit for Rosalie House, a shelter for battered women & their children. Live music with *Black Pole, Buttermilk, Oomamaboomba, Mr Sunshine, Thoth* & other special guests. Lots of food & fun—doors open at 4 pm, dance till 4 am! $8-12 SL donation. One Bolivar Dr at Addison (Aquatic Park), Berkeley. Info: (510) 548-0706.

Singer/songwriter Deidre McCalla in concert at Great American Music Hall, in celebration of her newest Olivia recording, "Everyday Heroes & Heroines." Accompanied by Nina Gerber on guitar, Benny Rietveld on bass. 7 pm, $10. 859 O'Farrell St, SF. Info/res: 885-0750.

Paul Anelli as Miss Ann Drogynous at Josie's Cabaret, see 9/30.

Party at Pussy Galore to benefit production of *Mike's Film: Young Gay Male Survival Stories*. Entertainment by Joe Ginoli & Chris Freeman of the queer rock band *Pansy Division*, the *Acid Housewives, and White Trash Debutantes* 10 pm, $5-10 SL fee. Pussy Galore at the Clubhouse, 3160 16th St at Albion, SF.

OCT 5 / M O N

Women Writers Group spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders) meets 6-9 pm tonight & 10/12 at 1853 Market St, SF. Group offers women over 50 support for their writing. Led by author/performer Ida Red. Info: 626-7000.

Multicultural Community Forums for Women in the Arts: Spons by the Northern Calif chapter of the Women's Caucus. 7:30-9:30 pm at the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF. Info: (510) 451-8788.

Gay Comedy Open Mike at Josie's Cabaret with emcee Karen Ripley. 8 pm, $10. Aspiring gay & lesbian comics sign up by phone by 7 pm. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

At Cody's Books: M Mitchell Waldrop profiles the colorful thinkers & controversial ideas behind the theory known as "complexity" in his new book, *Complexity: The Emerging Science at the Edge of Order & Chaos*. 8 pm. 2454 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 845-7852.

"Collar Me Blue, Working Class Love Songs for a Queer Nation," one-man show, a blend of monologues & songs by Johnny D at MACE Space for Art, tonight & tmw, 8:30 pm, $5. Info/res: 931-9670. 1319 Pine St at Hyde, SF.

"In the Company of Women," a process group for women focusing on the dilemmas, challenges, anguish & joy of being an empowered women today. Use imagery, meditation, healing exchanges & rituals, plus the widom of our individual & collective processes as we share the threads of our lives on a weekly basis. 10-wk commitment required, enrollment limited. 7-9:30 pm. Oakland location. $30 per session. Call (510) 601-5435.

OCT 6 / T U E

"Past Lives & Your Life Now," a talk by Don van Brocklin at Amron Metaphysical Ctr, 2254 Van Ness Ave, SF. 7 pm. Info: 775-0227.

Meet the Goddess of Ten Thousand Names: Tonight's class focuses on the Mother Goddesses—Hathor, Parvati, Pachamama, Cybele, Tauret, Epona, Mut & Tiamat. See 9/29 listing for details.

Anita Hill Commemorative Breakfast spons by SF NOW (Nat'l Organization for Women). A celebration of the one-year anniversary of Hill's testimony against Clarence Thomas, which brought sexual harassment into the pubic eye. *SF Examiner*'s Stephanie Salter discusses sexual harassment in the media, followed by a gen'l discussion on sexual harassment. 7:30-8 am check-in, 8-9 am breakfast. $20, with SL to $15. Sheraton Palace Hotel, 2 New Montgomery St, SF. Info/res: 861-8880.

At Thunder Bay: *Mol Triffids* and *Sloughfeg*. 8 pm, $3. One Bolivar Dr at Addison St (Aquatic Park), Berkeley. Info: (510) 548-0706. **"Collar Me Blue**, Working Class Love Songs for a Queer Nation," with Johnny D at MACE, see 10/5.

OCT 7 / W E D

Men's Discovery Discussion Group spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders) meets 2:30 pm today & 10/21. Today's topic: "ACT UP & Queer Nation—Right or Wrong?" 10/21: "The Gay Topic of the Day in Current Politics." All groups led by George Birimisa at Francis of Assisi, 145 Guerrero St, SF.

At ClaireLight Women's Books: "Money & Spirituality," a talk with money management consultant Betty Smith. Learn about the link between money & spirit, open the door to prosperity. 6:30 pm, free. 1110 Petaluma Hill Rd #5, Santa Rosa. Info: (707) 575-8879.

parents & kids box

Potluck in the Park for lesbian & gay families, all other families & friends: Benefit for "Camp it Up!" Families of Color Campership Fund (Camp it Up! is a family camp that welcomes lesbian, gay, non-traditional & other families, held near Yosemite every summer). 11 am-3 pm at Cordonices Park, Euclid nr Eunice, Berkeley (nr Berkeley Rose Garden). Lots of fun—Volleyball, basketball, kids' games! Charcoal suppied for BBQ, plus paper goods, sports equipment & kids' games; you bring food, and/or drinks to share. Suggested donation $10, no one turned away for lack of funds. For info/details call Gloria Rodriguez (510) 532-1888, Liz Hendrickson (510) 531-7368 or Chaya Gusfield (510) 653-3724. In case of rain call Chaya for alternative plans. See you there!

"Guns, Sticks & Missiles: Raising Loving Sons," a lecture by Joanna Levine, LCSW on how to create strong, assertive yet loving & nurturing sons. Come explore ideas about masculinity, discuss experiencing & responding to "boy energy," developmental stages for boys & tasks for mothers & fathers of boy children. 9/29, noon-1 pm. Spons by UCSF Women's Resource Ctr. Toland Hall, UCSF, 513 Parnassus Ave, SF. Info: 476-0400. Free.

Marin Lesbian & Gay Parents Halloween Party: 10/25, 3-5 pm. For info/location call 457-1115.

Toy-Making Wkshop spons by UCSF Women's Resource Ctr. Sat 10/3, 9:30 am-4:30 pm, $40-60 SL fee, no one turned away for lack of funds. Learn to use hand & power tools while having fun building either a wooden toy, puzzle or game. Wkshop provides you with skills to create holiday gifts, you also receive patterns to create other toys of your own. Facilitated by Women Empowering Women, an organization of tradeswomen. Pre-reg required, call 476-5222 for info.

Infant/Child CPR Class spons by the SF Dept of Public Health. 8:45 am-3:30 pm at Health Ctr #4, 1490 Mason St, SF. $2. Participants who pass a knowledge & skills test will receive a certificate from the American Heart Assoc. Enrollment limited, call 705-8500 for reg/info.

Public Observation Programs provided by the Peninsula Astronomical Society. The Observatory is open on clear Fri nights from dusk to 11 pm for viewing of stars, planets, galaxies & more thru a 16-inch reflecting telescope, and on Sat mornings from 10 am-noon for solar viewing thru a 6-inch refractor telescope. Free. Observatory is located at Foothill College, 12345 El Monte Rd, Los Altos Hills, halfway around the campus loop near Parking Lot T. Info: 949-7334. Observatory is closed when it is cloudy.

Storytime at Cody's series for kids ages 4-10, each Sat at 11 am. 2454 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 845-7852. Call to confirm reading schedule.

Eureka Valley Public Library Branch Children's Programs: Films for kids ages 3-5: 9/24 at 9:30 & 10:30 am: *Mole & the Rocket, The Emperor's New Clothes, Whistle for Willie, I Know a Lady Who Swallowed a Fly*. Call ahead for group reservations. Stories for individual children, ages 3-5: 10:30 am on 9/29. 3555 16th St btwn Noe & Sanchez, SF. Info: 554-9445.

Saturdays at the Randall Museum: Programs for all ages, kids under 8 must be accompanied by an adult. Classes last 1-2 hrs. Classes start at 1 pm, sign-ups begin at 12:30 pm. Come early, space limited. Call 554-9600 for info. Schedule: 9/26, **Space Towers** with Florence Wong. Learn to make reality or fantasy-based constructions from rolls of paper built into amazing spacial installations. $4/person. 10/3, **Build a Clay Box** with Dennis Treanor. Stamp various textures onto sheets of clay & use this to construct a box or other storage container. $3/person.

Animal Talk at the Randall Museum: Every Sat. Drop-in 12-12:30 pm and 2:15-2:45 pm. All ages, kids under 6 must be accompanied by an adult. Free. No reg required. Chance to see some of the Randall's animals close up and in person. Call 554-9600 for info.

Parenting in the '90s: workshop with Debbie Freed & Lee ann Slaton. 6:30-8 pm, 10/22. $7, $10/couple. Topic: 'School Daze," focus on options & solutions for parents of schoolage children regarding homework, morning rush, lunches, etc, led by Lee Ann Slaton, MS. SF Jewish Community Ctr, 3200 California St, SF. Info: 346-6040.

Children's Story & Feeling Time at A New Leaf Recovery Resource Store, 545 Magnolia Ave, Larkspur. 10/17, 1-1:45 pm for 4-8 yr olds, 2-2:45 pm for 8 & older. Renowned storyteller Diana De Regnier presents an afternoon of stories, songs & other surprises. Children are invited to share & explore their feelings in an atmosphere of fun and gentle support. Kids examine the joys & toughness of life, from self-esteem issues to family situations, but ending always with something to lift the spirits. Free. Info: 924-8970.

Mother Nature's Lovely Funny Bone, a special performance for children, by Deborah Lewis. Part of the Solo Mio Festival of Solo Performance (see Onstage listings for details). 9/26, 2 pm, $5, at The Marsh, 968 Valencia St nr 21st, SF. Info/res: 641-0235.

At A New Leaf Recovery Resource Store: Inner Child Workshop with Cathryn Taylor, author of *The Inner Child Workbook*. Final evening of a 4-wk series. $15. 545 Magnolia Ave, Larkspur. Info: 924-8970.
Course in Miracles Group: Study group promoting personal & spiritual growth. Meets 7-9 pm tonight & 10/14, 21 & 28. Spons by Marin BACW (Bay Area Career Women). Newcomers welcome! Info: 453-9317. **Introductory HIV Town Mtg** spons by Project Inform: 7:30 pm at Metropolitan Community Church (MCC)-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. 2-hr mtg gives an overview of HIV disease, immune monitoring tests & treatment strategies. Free, public welcome. Info: 558-8669.
Paul Anelli as Miss Ann Drogynous at Josie's Cabaret, see 9/30.
Poetry at Cody's: Clive Matson & Elizabeth Herron read from their work upstairs at Cody's Books, 2454 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. 8 pm, $2. Info: (510) 845-7852.

OCT 8 / T H U

Off the Hook with Dr Bob: Radio talk show focused on issues of addiction & recovery. 10-11 am on KEST-AM 1450. Today's topic: "The Art & Practice of Loving," with guest Frank Andrews, PhD.
Men's Friendship Group spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders) meets 2:45 pm today & 10/22 at 711 Eddy St, SF. Info: 626-7000.
Rainbow's End, group for lesbian, gay & bisexual youth ages 14-23, meets tonight & 10/15, 22 & 29. First-time visitors should attend 5:30-6 pm drop-in mtg, gen'l group time 6-7:30 pm. Call 457-1115 for mtg location, to leave a message call 457-3523 (messages picked up Thurs eves). Group spons by Spectrum.
4-wk Goddess Class with Susan Levitt. Thurs eves, 7-9 pm, $35 per class, $90 pre-paid. Come walk the path of the Goddess! Call 331-1028 for info/reg.
Author Paul Auster reads from his new novel *Leviathan* at A Clean Well-Lighted Place for Books at Opera Plaza, 601 Van Ness Ave, SF. 7:30 pm. Info: 441-6670.
Queer Nation: Mtg of this working activist group which utilizes direct action to oppose & eliminate heterosexism & homophobia. 7:30 pm tonight & every Friday at the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF. Call the Queer Line 985-7141 for more info.
New Horizons rap group for lesbian, gay & bisexual young people ages 22-29 meets tonight & 10/15, 22 & 29. Come meet other people your age, discuss relevant topics. 7:45-8 pm drop-in time for first-time visitors (all first-time visitors should attend). 8-9:30 pm gen'l mtg. For mtg location call 457-1115. To leave a message call 457-3523 (picked up Thurs eves). Group sponsored by Spectrum.
At Old Wives' Tales Bookstore: Elizabeth Pincus reads from her new book, *Two-Bit Tango*. 8 pm, $3-10. Proceeds benefit Women's Voices, OWT's cultural events series. 1009 Valencia St, SF. Info: 821-4675.
Paul Annelli as Miss Ann Drogynous at Josie's Cabaret—an exciting, eclectic eve of song & monologue from this veteran star of the musical spoof ("Whatever Happened to BB Jane?" and Drag Queens in Outer Space"). Miss Ann reveals the spunky, touching heart of a queen. Show plays Wed-Sun at 8 pm, thru 10/11. Tix $10. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

Lesbian & Gay Comedy Night at La Pena with Margaret Cho, Scott Capurro & Lisa Geduldig. 8 pm, $8-10 SL fee. Spons by the Queer Caucus of La Pena volunteers. Info: (510) 849-2568.

galleries

On Exhibit at the de Young: "Master European Paintings," from the National Gallery of Ireland, thru 12/6. "Viewpoints XVIII: Frank Lobdell," works by the abstract expressionist & Bay Area teacher; thru 9/27. Golden Gate Park, SF. Hrs: Wed-Sun 10 am-5 pm. Fee: $8 gen'l, $4 kids age 12-17, $5 srs (65 & over), kids under 12 are free. Info: 750-3614.
SF Museum of Modern Art: "Wright Morris: Origin of a Species," photos & words capturing America's vernacular past, on exhibit thru 11/1. 1992 SEC/Art Award exhibit, thru 11/8. Luciano Fabaro: A Retrospective, 10/1-11/29. Linda Connor, 10/15-1/3. 401 Van Ness Ave, SF. Hrs: 10 am-5 pm, Tues, Wed & Fri; 10 am-9 pm Thurs; 11 am-5 pm Sat & Sun. Tix $4 gen'l, $2 srs & stdnts, kids under 13 are free. Info: 252-4000.
SF Art Institute: Annual Exhibition "9," art by Marlene Angeja, Ann Chamberlain, Gail Chase-Bien, Marjorie Franklin, Kathleen Jesse, Susan Mabel Maney, Charlene Milgrim, Chikako Okada & Leslie Straw. Thru 9/26. 800 Chestnut St, SF. Info: 771-7020.
SF Camerawork: "Finstere Medine," (Dark District), a work-in-progress by Shimon Attie, using pre-war photos made in a formerly Jewish neighborhood near Berlin. "Our Bodice, Our Selves," an installation by Deborah Small bringing together two literary phenomena separated by hundreds of years, the New World-inspired "captivity narrative" and the contemporary "bodice-ripper" romance novel. Exhibit runs thru 10/10. Reception 9/24, 5:30-7 pm. Hrs: Noon-5 pm Tues-Sat. 70 12th St, btwn Market & Mission at South Van Ness Ave, SF. Info: 621-1001.
Art Lick Gallery: 4147 19th St, SF. Hrs: Wed-Sun, noon-6 pm; Mon & Tues by appt. Info: 621-5131.
Judah L Magnes Museum: Hrs: Sun-Thurs, 10 am-4 pm. Closed Jewish & federal holidays. Info: (510) 849-2710. 2911 Russell St, Berkeley.
Ansel Adams Center: 250 Fourth St, SF. "This is the American Earth," photos by Ansel Adams, Henri Cartier-Bresson, Eliot Porter, William Garnett, Edward Weston, Minor White & others, with narrative text by Newhall; thru 11/8. "Max Yavno: A Remembrance,", photo exhibit runs thru 11/8. "Open Space/Lukas Felzmann: Muse & Restraint," thru 11/8. "Works by Lorna Simpson," thru 9/27. Hrs: Tues-Sun, 11 am-6 pm. $4 gen'l, $3 stdnts, $2 srs/youth 12-17, kids under 12 are free. Info: 495-7000.
Cartoon Art Museum: "Pogo Golden Anniversary," an exhibit of the works of Walt Kelly, one of the first socially-conscious cartoonists; thru 1/3. "Dangle Meets Dolezal," from the pages of the *SF Bay Guardian*, thru 11/1. 665 Third St at Townsend, SF. Hrs: 11 am-5 pm Wed-Fri, 10 am-5 pm Sat, Sun 1-5 pm. $3 gen'l, $2 stdnts & srs, kids 12 & under are free. Info: 546-9481.
Circle Gallery: 900 N. Point, Ghirardelli Square, SF. Hrs: Mon-Thurs 11 am-7 pm; Fri-Sat 10 am-9 pm; Sun 10 am-6 pm.
Circle Gallery: Hrs: Mon-Sat 10 am-6 pm, Sun noon-5 pm. 140 Maiden Lane (Union Square), SF. Info: 989-2100.
The Clay Studio: "Veiled Illusions: Paintings & Sculpture," by Beth Sudekum. Thru 9/27. "Beyond the Armory III," group show of artist working at the Clay Studio, 10/9-11/8. 52 Julian St, SF. Hrs: Wed, Fri & Sat, 10 am-5 pm, or by appt. Info: 431-6296.
Soft Touch Gallery: 1580 Haight St, SF. Hrs: Tues-Wed, Fri-Sun, 11 am-6 pm. Info: 863-3279.
Eye Gallery: "Living With the Enemy," photos by Donna Ferrato, a chilling visual chronicle of domestic violence. Exhibit runs thru 10/10. 1151 Mission St, SF. Hrs: Tues-Thurs noon-7 pm, Fri-Sun noon-5 pm. Info: 922-0706.
Footwork Gallery: 3221 22nd St, SF. Hrs: 10 am-5 pm Mon-Sat, or by appt. Info: 824-5044.
Paintings by Robert Morgan on exhibit at A Different Light Bookstore, thru 9/29. 489 Castro St, SF. Info: 885-0851.
"Analytic & Intuitive Expressions," recent metasymbolic artwork by local gay artist Frank Pietronigro, on exhibit at Josie's Cabaret thru Sept. 3583 16th St at Market.
"Eat With Your Fingers," exhibit of frenetic, densely layered monotypes by Max Laurie White. Thru 10/4 in the Solano Avenue Gallery at Just Desserts, 1823 Solano Ave, Berkeley. Artist's reception 8/30, 7:30-9 pm. Info: (510) 893-1554.
New Langton Arts: "I Pissed on the Man Who Called Me a Dog," a site-dependent installation by Daniel J Martinez, with collaborators Vinzula Kara & Mitchel Frank. An examination of behavior linked to the conditions of urban society. Exhibit runs thru 10/17. Hrs: Tues-Sat 11 am-5 pm. 1246 Folsom St btwn 8th & 9th, SF. Info: 626-5416.
Nelson Morales Gallery: 140 Geary St #301, SF. Hrs: Tues, Thurs & Sat, noon-6 pm, Wed 10 am-2 pm, or by appt. Info: 255-1432.
Robert Koch Gallery: "Carry Me Home," exhibit of black & white photographs of southwestern Louisiana, by Debbie Fleming Caffery; thru 10/17. 49 Geary St, SF. Hrs: Tues-Sat 11 am-5:30 pm. Info: 421-0122.
SF Craft & Folk Art Museum: "Classical Chinese Furniture," thru 11/1. Hrs: 11 am-5 pm, Tues-Sun; 10 am-5 pm, Sat. Ft Mason Ctr Bldg A, SF. Info: 775-0990.
University Art Museum: "Mikhail O Dlugach: Cinema Posters of the Russian Avant-garde," 26 film posters from the 1920s-1930s, on exhibit thru 10/11 in the Theater Gallery. Hrs: Wed-Sun 11 am-5 pm. 2626 Bancroft Way, Berkeley. Info: (510) 642-0808.
Richmond Art Center: Civic Center Plaza, Baird & 25th St, Richmond. Wheelchair Accessible. Hrs: 10 am-4:30 pm, Tues-Fri; noon-4:30 pm Sat & Sun. Info: (510) 620-6772.
SF Camerawork: 70 12th St, btwn Market & Mission, at South Van Ness Ave, SF. Hrs: Tues-Sat, noon-5 pm. Admission free. Info: 621-1001.
The Jewish Museum: 121 Steuart St btwn Mission & Howard, SF. Hrs: 10 am-4 pm Tues-Fri & Sun. Info: 543-8880.
Turn of the Century Fine Arts: "The Second Day," works on paper by Dean Smith. On exhibit thru 10/17. 2518 San Pablo Ave, Berkeley. Hrs: Noon-5 pm, Tues-Sat. Info: (510) 849-0950.
Falkirk Cultural Gallery: 1408 Mission St, off E, San Rafael. Hrs: 10 am-6 pm Tues-Fri, 10 am-9 pm Thurs, 10 am-1 pm Sat. Info: 485-3328.
KBBK Studios: Hrs: 3-6 pm Thurs and Fri, 2-5 pm Sat, and by appt. 465 Broderick St at Hayes, SF. Info: 563-9046.
Pro Arts Gallery: 461 9th St, SF. Info: (510) 763-4361.
John Pence Gallery: 750 Post St, SF. Info: 441-1138.
Morphos Gallery: Comprehensive exhibit of photos by black & white photos by the int'lly renowned artist Charles Gatewood. Opening reception 10/2, 7-10 pm. Artist present to sign copies of his newest book *Primitives: Tribal Body Art & the Left-Handed Path*. Exhibit runs throughout the month. Hrs: Tues-Sat, noon-5 pm, Thurs noon-9:30 pm, and by appt. Info: 626-1936.
Robert Dana Gallery: Hrs: 10 am-6 pm Thurs & Fri, 11 am-5 pm Sun, and by appt. 1849 Union St, SF. Info: 749-1849.
Ghia Gallery: Hrs: Wed-Sat 1-6 pm, and by appt. 2648 3rd St, SF. Info: 282-2832.
MACE Space for Art: "Ginnungagap," paintings by Bjarni Sigurbjornsson, thru 10/11. 1319 Pine St at Hyde, SF. Hrs: Tues-Fri 5-9 pm, Sat noon-5 pm, and by appt. Info: 931-9670.
At Stamp Art Gallery: "Nothing," rubber stamp prints & mail art by Ray Johnson, on exhibit thru 9/30. 466 8th St, SF.
Vision Gallery: "Oliver Gagliani: Vintage Contact Prints," photos on exhibit thru 11/14. "Robert Doisneau: A Birthday Tribute," photos on exhibit thru 11/14. Hrs: Mon-Fri, 9 am-6 pm. 1155 Mission St, SF. Info: 621-2107.
Show & Tell Gallery: "The Conservative Spirit," a group show of sculpture, painting, installation & performance. Works by Marshall Weber, Fred Rinne, Leslie Singer, Mary Fitzgerald, Charles Spaeth, Nikki Cousino, Aaron Noble, Kit Young, Lex Lonehood, Scott Williams & Alex Jackson. On exhibit 9/24-10/3; opening reception 9/24, 6-9 pm, closing reception 10/3, 6-9 pm. 30 Rose St at Market, SF. Hrs: Noon-6 pm daily, closed Mondays. Info: 861-6445.
SEXART 2: Mark I Chester's annual group art show exploring sex, sexuality & eroticism, in all sexualities & genders. Includes work by JB Higgins, Freddie Niem, Schuyler Pescada, Tim Collins, Scott Taylor/Wm Lloyd, Mark I Chester, John Renwick/Wayne Corbitt, Max Laurie White, Deborah Allen & Burton Clarke, Ed Freeman, Gavin Dillard and others. Exhibit runs thru 9/27, $2 donation requested. 1229 Folsom St, SF. Info: 621-6294. Private showings by appt.
"Use Gender As a Sex Toy," window installation at ATA by Liz Canning. Video, sculpture & 2-D collage using cultural images of sexuality to both criticize & celebrate gender, while offering its own version of a truly erotic aesthetic. ATA Gallery, 992 Valencia St, SF. Info: 824-3890.
Laura Kradjan, 6-year retrospective of oil and acrylic paintings on the theme of recovery. Thru Sept at A New Leaf Recovery Resource Store, 545 Magnolia, Larkspur. Info: 924-8970.
Fanciful drawings by Robert de Roos at Modesto Lanzone's Restaurant, Opera Plaza, 601 Van Ness Ave, SF. Exhibit runs thru mid-Oct.
"The Year of the WoMAN?" an art exhibit created by women, challenging the abuse of power. Thru 10/2 at Zeno's Paradox, 552 Hayes St, SF.
21-Person Group Exhibit at Three Muses Artspace. Includes sculpture, installation, photography & performance. Works by Kristin Calabrese, Colette Calascione, Sara Carter, Colin Chillag, Monet Clark, Susanne Deising, Jennifer Draper, Barbara Elo, Ben Emery, Sania Globig, Deborah Howard-Page, Stephanie Jackson, Uwe Jahnke, Charles Karubian, Kai Kim, Jason La Motte, Jennifer Lasley, Brian McHugh, Jan Nunn, Rachel Simpson & Sean Storm. Opening reception 10/3, 7-10 pm; exhibit runs 10/3-4, noon-6 pm, with musical entertainment by classical guitarist Martin Pramanic. $2 fee. 395 Valencia St, SF. Info: 255-7420.
Sumi Ink Paintings & Monotypes by Beth Katz, on exhibit at Bella Art & Frames, 347 9th St at Folsom, SF. 10/1-27. Artist's reception 10/10, noon-4 pm. Info: 861-8389. Hrs: Mon-Fri 10 am-6 pm, Sat 10 am-4 pm.

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No Exit by Jean-Paul Sartre. Caryn Horwitz presents a cross-dress production of the existentialist classic about life in hell. Plays runs Thurs-Sat at 8:30 pm, Sun at 7 pm, thru 9/27. Tix $10 Thurs & Sun, $12 Fri & Sat. Theatre Rhino Studio, 2926 16th St, SF. Info/res: 861-5079.

Medusa's Last Stand by Colm Wood. A megalomaniac businesswoman, frustrated at being stuck in a middle management position because of her gender, plans a new society in which her male secretary will be the prototype servant and she will be the absolute master. Theatre Pomegranate production. Runs Fri & Sat at 8 pm, thru 10/10. Tix $4-8 SL. 495 Clementina btwn 5th & 6th, Folsom & Howard, SF. Info/res: 512-7965.

Abundance by Beth Henley. The story of two mail-order brides who survive the hostile environment of the male-dominated frontier. Actors Theatre production. Runs Thurs-Sun at 8 pm thru 10/18. Tix $14 Thurs & Sun, $16 Fri & Sat. Matinees 9/27, 10/4 & 10/11 at 2 pm, $14. The Actors Theatre, 533 Sutter St, SF. Info/res: 296-9179.

Speed the Plow by David Mamet. High-velocity comedy set in contemporary Hollywood's Valley of the Deals. Berkeley Repertory Theatre production. Runs Tues-Sat at 8 pm, Sun at 2 pm, thru 10/23. Sat matinees at 2 pm on 9/26 & 10/10. Thurs matinees at 2 pm on 10/1, 15 & 22. Tix: $24 Tues, Wed, Thurs & Sun; $31 Fri & Sat, $23 matinees. Berkeley Rep Theatre, 2025 Addison at Shattuck, Berkeley. Info/res: (510) 845-4700.

Forgotten People: 4 One-Act Plays by Tennessee Williams, presented by the Williams Project. Runs Thurs-Sat, 24-26 at 8 pm; Sun 9/27 at 2 & 7 pm; Mon 9/28 at 8 pm. Bannam Place Theatre, 50B Bannam Place, btwn Union & Green, SF. Tix $12. Info/res: 986-2701.

Nurse Jane Goes to Hawaii by Allan Stratton. Comic contemporary farce, a classic romp of mistaken identity, sexual entendre & screwball characters. Spotted Owl production. Runs Thurs-Sat at 8 pm, Sun at 3 pm, thru 10/18. Tix $8 previews, $15 Fri & Sat, $12 Thurs & Sun. $2 discount for stdnts & srs. On Broadway Theatre, 435 Broadway, SF. Info/res: 398-1541.

The Yeomen of the Guard Gilbert & Sullivan's musical about true love & tender romance, performed by Lamplighters Musical Theatre. Opens 9/26, runs Fri & Sat at 8:30 pm, Sun at 2:30 pm, thru 11/1. Tix $21. Presentation Theatre, 2350 Turk Blvd at Masonic, SF. Info/res: 752-7755.

Bent by Martin Sherman. Powerful drama of faith & defiance among homosexuals during the time of the Nazis. Theatre Rhino production. Runs thru 10/17 at Theatre Rhino, 2926 16th St, SF. Info/res: 861-5079.

Uncle Vanya by Anton Chekhov, adapted by David Mamet from a literal translation by Vlada Chernomardik. Bittersweet romantic comedy of misdirected passion & missed connections. Encore Theatre Co production. Runs 9/24-27 & 30; 10/1-4. 8 pm Tues-Sat, 7 pm Sun, 2 pm matinee on 9/26 & 10/3. Tix $15 gen'l, $12 stdnts/srs. Info/res: 567-6076. Ed Hastings Studio, 450 Geary St (btwn Mason & Taylor), SF.

F.O.B. by David Henry Hwang. Epic comedy about mythic Chinese warriors doing battle in the back of a local Chinese restaurant in Los Angeles. Asian American Theatre production. Runs Wed-Sat at 8:30 pm, Sun at 7:30 pm, thru 10/11 at Asian American Theater, 403 Arguello, SF. Tix $13-15. Info/res: 751-2600.

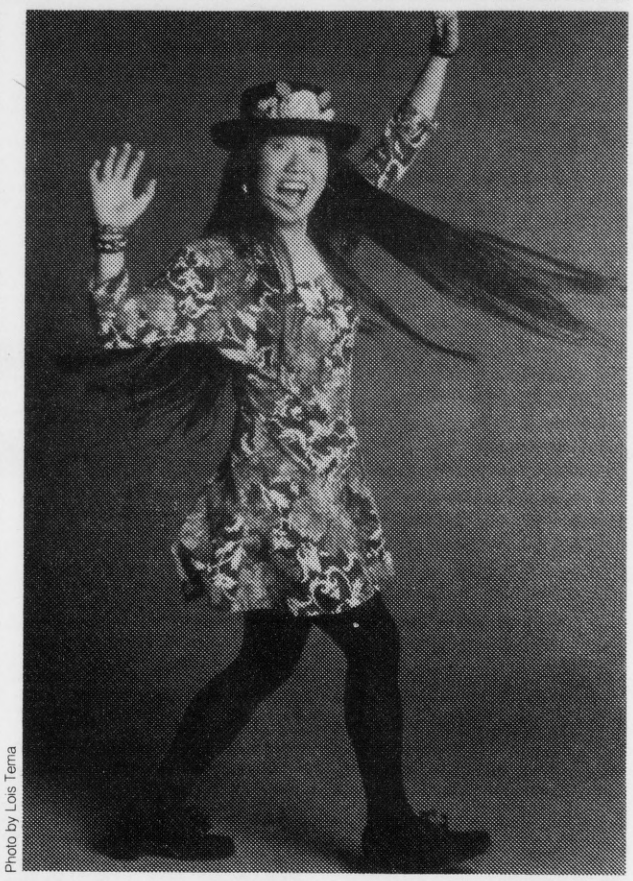
Beat an original theater piece about the SF Beat Generation, featuring prose & poetry by Gregory Corso, Diane DiPrima, Lawrence Ferlinghetti, Allen Ginsberg, Bob Kaufman, Jack Kerouac, Michael McClure & Gary Snyder. North Beach Repertory Theatre production. Runs Thurs-Sat at 8 pm, Sun at 2 pm, thru 10/4. Tix $12 Thurs-Sat, $10 Sun. North Beach Rep Theatre, The Cannery, 2801 Leavenworth St, 3rd floor, SF. Info/res: 928-4860.

3rd Annual Solo Mio Festival of Solo Performance features work by 36 artists from across the United States & abroad, showcased at 9 theaters in SF: At **Life on the Water:** John Kelly performs *Divine Promiscue (Music While Waging Victory)*, an exploration of notions of Art & Love; thru 10/4. Brenda Wong Aoki performs *The Queen's Garden*, the tale of her youth spent with street gangs in the Asian Pacific Islander communities of LA; 10/7-18. At **Climate Theatre:** Anne Seagrave & Oscar McLennan, monologists from Ireland, present their movement/narrative pieces, *Or Even What Leaving Was* and *A Mermaid's Lecture*; thru 9/27; *Notes on Noise* and *Notes on Time*; thru 9/27. Susan Van Allen presents her slice of Italian American life, *Jersey Girls*, 9/30-10/4. Keith Antar Mason in *My Living Condition: Two Niggas, Because No Nigga Came or Crossed the Atlantic by Himself*, a confrontational work on issues of race & gender; 10/8-18. Chris Brophy's *Go to Hell: Ritualistic Shenanigans of the Modern Christian*, satirical social commentary; 9/24-10/3. Danielle Willis' *Breakfast in the Flesh District*, a guided tour thru childhood obsessions. At **The Marsh:** Deborah Lewis in *Loosely Strung Together*, a dance/narrative journey thru evolution; 9/24-27. Lisa Kotin's *Temporary Girl*, a darkly comic look at office life; 9/28, 10/1-4. At **Teatro Mision:** Luis Alfaro's *Downtown*, a lyrical paean to growing up in the Pico-Union district of downtown LA; 9/24-27. At Asian American Theater Ctr: Don Bajema's *Boys in the Air*, a chronicle of loss of manufactured innocence in post-WWII American culture. For tix & other info on Solo Mio events (including full details on October performances) call the Solo Mio Information Line 776-9204.

Two works by NY-based experimental playwright David Greenspan produced in repertory by Thick Description: **Jack**, a haunting look at the anonymous victims of the AIDS crisis, opens 9/25; **2 Samuel 11, etc**, a retelling of the biblical story of David & Bathsheba, with homoerotic masturbatory fantasies & modern stories from 28 years in the life of a woman named Margot; opens 9/28. Performance dates for "Jack" are Thurs-Fri 10/1-2, 8-9, 15-16; for "2 Samuel 11," Sat & Sun 10/3-4, 10-11, 17-18. At Noh Space, 2840 Mariposa at Alabama, SF. Tix $8-12 SL. Info/res: 621-0507.

The Lisbon Traviata by Terrence McNally. Theatre Rhino production. Play veers from high comedy to stark tragedy as it follows the troubled course of a gay relationship—using an obsession with grand opera as a metaphor to underscore the larger-than-life passions which bring the play to an explosive conclusion. Runs Thurs-Sat at 8:30 pm, Sun at 7 pm, 10/1-25. Theatre Rhino Studio, 2926 16th St, SF. Tix $12. Info/res: 861-5079.

The Mundane Bliss Twist of Food, Sex & Other Obsessions Not Necessarily in that Order, a one-woman show by actor/writer Florence Yoo. Yoo shakes up her past, growing up Korean in the Midwest, into an explosive postmodern cocktail exploring issues of race, gender, identity & poor health care, in a semi-autobiographical monologue of stories & song. Asian American Theatre Center production. Runs Thurs-Sat at 7:30 pm, with Sun matinees at 2 pm, 10/8-10/24. 403 Arguello Blvd at Clement, SF. Tix $8 students, $10 Thurs & Sun, $12 Fri & Sat. Info/res: 751-2600.



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Florence Yoo appears in The Mundane Bliss Twist of Food, Sex, and Other Obsessions, Not Necessarily in That Order, at Asian American Theatre Center, Oct. 8-24. Onstage has info.

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The Appearance of Civilization, a performance piece based on the writings of Bartholemew de Las Casas, a Spanish historian & colleague of Christopher Columbus who advocated Indian Rights in a day when such a stance was considered heresy. Similar modern commentary is interwoven into the text, created by Chris Hardman. Antenna Theater production, A site-specific performance on the beach, challenging the Columbus Quincentennial and American textbook history. Previews 10/2-3 at 8 pm, runs Fri-Sat 10/9-30 at 8 pm. Performances at Rodeo Beach in the Marin Headlands, 10/2-17 and at Ocean Beach in SF thru 10/30. Dress warmly. Tix $14.92. Info/res: 332-4862.

Apple Pie with George & Jane, the hit political satire re-opens 9/24 for a final pre-election run at the Union Square Holiday Inn, SF. Life on the Water production. Play is an interactive comedy staged as a campaign fundraising banquet. Previews 9/24-25, opens 9/26 & 27 (with celebrity guests & champagne reception), runs Thurs-Sun thru 11/1. 8 pm. Tix: 9/24 preview $15, 9/25 preview $20. Opening nights $25. All other shows: $20 Thurs & Sun, $22 Fri & Sat. Prices include dessert & show. Info/res: 776-5496.

Flash Family improv theatre group in a spontaneous evening of theater, comedy & song at Ft Mason Center, Marina Music Hall, Bldg D, 2nd floor, SF. 10/3, 10, 17 & 24. 8:30 pm. Tix: $10 gen'l; $8 srs, kids & students. Info/res: 885-5678.

Ceremonies of Prayer by Evan Blake. Play loosely based on the life of artist Vincent Van Gogh & his relationship with his caring brother Theo. Runs Thurs-Sun 10/8-11/1 at 8 pm. SF Performers Theatre production. SF Performers Theatre, Ft Mason Ctr, Bldg C, third floor (Marina & Laguna Sts), SF. Tix $12 gen'l, $10 srs & stdnts. Tix at STBS.

Monster Speaks by Jennifer Jensen & Stanya Kahn, a dance/performance/confrontation with music by members of *Gifthorse*. Fri-Sun, 9/25-27 at Somar Theater, South of Market Cultural Ctr, 934 Brannan btwn 8th & 9th, SF. Info/res: 550-6928. Tix $3-10 SL.

Our Town by Thornton Wilder. City Theatre of SF City College features actress Lee Meriwether in the lead role of the classic play, which runs for two weekends of performances, 10/1-11. Show designed as a fundraiser for the Theatre Arts Dept. Showtimes: 8 pm Thurs & Fri, Sat at 2 & 8 pm, Sun at 2 & 7 pm. Tix $18 Fri & Sat eves, $16 all other performances.

On Upsetting the Doctrine of Living for the Moment, a collaboration by RG Davis, Jennifer Wilson & Lisa Johnston, based on the writing of Bertolt Brecht. Piece performed in the spirit of storytelling, with songs, short stories & philosophical conundrums written by Brecht. The artists "provide an experience for thought to encourage complex thinking." Production runs 9/24-10/4 at 1800 Square Feet, 719 Clementina (btwn 8th & 9th, Howard & Folsom), SF. 8:30 pm, $5-10 SL fee. Info/res: 255-8510.

resource guide

AIDS RESOURCES

ACT UP/SF meets Thurs, 7:30 pm, at the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF. Direct action & civil disobedience to end the AIDS epidemic & the injustices around it. Call 563-0724 for info. WA.

ACT-UP/Golden Gate meets Tues at 7 pm at 539 Hayes St, SF CA 94102. Office: 252-9275. Hotline: 252-9200.

PISD (People with Immune System Disorder), a caucus of ACT UP, for all people with immune disorders. Call 563-0724 for info.

ACT-UP Eastbay meets Wed 7:30 pm. First Unitarian Church of Oakl, 14th & Castro, Oakl (3 blocks west of City Ctr BART Station). Info: (510) 836-4401.

ARC/AIDS Vigil: nonviolent, civil disobedience, political activist organization addresses AIDS issues thru direct contact with govt officials. Call 567-5412 for info.

New Friends: a group made up of people with AIDS who help those who have been newly diagnosed. Info: 928-5352.

AIDS/HIV Nightline: Provides night-time emotional support for people concerned about AIDS or HIV infection. Run by SF Suicide Prevention, the Nightline is staffed by trained volunteers, Mon-Fri 9 pm-5 am, Sat & Sun 5 pm-5 am. Call 668-2437 or 1-(800) 273-2437.

AIDS Trials at NIAD/NIH: the National Institutes of Health recruits volunteers for inpatient & outpatient studies of new drugs & vaccines. For info call 1-800-243-7644. If you're accepted & enroll in a study, all travel expenses, & medical care provided at NIH, is free.

Directory: HIV Clinical Trials *in the Bay*

Area, a directory published & distributed by the Community Consortium. The goal of this directory is to make it easier for people with HIV disease to enter drug trails. It provides up-to-date, easily understood descriptions of currently available trials for people with HIV & their caregivers. Also answers basic questions about clinical trials & lists trial requirements & purposes. Updated 3 times a year. Free. For more info or to get a copy, call 476-9554.

The City of Berkeley offers free, anonymous blood-testing for the HIV virus at South Berkeley Women's Community Health Center, South Berkeley Community Church, 1802 Fairview St (enter at Ellis), Berkeley. Thurs 1-3:30 pm. Drop-in. For more info call (510) 644-8571 or (510) 601-8282 on Thurs.

AIDS Emergency Fund: A volunteer-run, community-funded agency that provides emergency financial aid to low-income persons with AIDS/disabling ARC in the 9 Bay Area counties. Info: 441-6407. 1550 California St #7, SF 94109.

People with AIDS-SF: sponsors educational forums & newsletter, addresses research, public policy & other issues. Info: 553-2560.

Center for Positive Care (HIV Early Intervention Resource Ctr) offers multicultural & multilingual outreach, intake assessment, case management, education & psychosocial support services to newly-diagnosed HIV positive people and people with AIDS. 3180 18th St at Folsom, SF. Info: 476-3644.

California Partner Study/UCSF offers support, education, testing, lab work and physical exams for bisexual men and their female partners. All services are free. Eligible couples must have at least one member who is a person with AIDS/ARC/HIV-positive. Info: 845-2331 or (800) 262-2430.

UCSF Coping Project seeks men who are caregivers to their partners who have AIDS to learn about the stress of caregiving, how caregivers cope with these stresses, and how caregiving affects health & psychological well-being. For info on how you can help call Anne Christopher at the UCSF Coping Project 597-9177.

AIDS Care Study/UCSF seeks to interview men & women (parents, siblings or married spouses) who are currently caring for a relative with AIDS or symptomatic HIV infection. The study looks at the difficulties & rewards of caregiving and assesses the availability & use of services for PWAs & caregivers. Participants are interviewed 3 times over a one-year period and are paid $25 per interview. For details call 476-7732 or 476-7733.

Women's Support Group: open to any women diagnosed with AIDS. Info: Shanti Project 777-CARE.

Youth & Children's Groups: ongoing support for those diagnosed, & for children of people with AIDS, divided by age categories. Info: Shanti Project 777-CARE.

BAY (Bay Area Youth) Positives: Offers several support group for adolescents & young adults dealing with HIV. Group helps minimize the stress felt among young people who are HIV+. Free. Spons by AIDS Health Project. For mtg locations, times & other info call Julie Graham 386-4615 or Scott Walker 206-3157.

Bay Area HIV Support & Education Services deals with issues & problems surrounding HIV & its impact on multicultural, multiracial communities. Provides support groups for gay/bisexual men of all colors in SF & Oakl. Also provides transportation assistance to medical appts & to pick up medication to HIV positive people in SF. Info: 749-6714. Fax: 749-6706.

Rafiki Services Project provides practical & emotional support volunteer training; and services specifically geared toward African-American people with AIDS & HIV-related illnesses. For info contact Rodney Gooden 346-5860

Marin AIDS Project Emotional & practical support for persons with AIDS/HIV & their loved ones. Outreach & education. Info: 457-2487.

ARC/AIDS Drop-In Group for men with AIDS-related conditions or symptomatic HIV disease. Support, info, stress management. Thurs 6-8 pm. Operation Concern, 1853 Market St, SF. Free. No adv reg required. Info: 626-7000.

HIV+ Drop-in Group for men testing positive. Wkly mtgs, 6-8 pm, free. Operation Concern, 1853 Market St, SF. Info: 626-7000.

HIV Dual Diagnosis Program spons by Operation Concern: Provides intake, assessment, psychiatric consultation & monitoring, counseling & psychotherapy, case management & referrals, for HIV positive lesbians & gay men whose diagnoses are complicated by psychiatric disorders and/or substance abuse. Info: 626-7000.

AIDS Health Project offers prevention programs; mental health, substance abuse & antibody counseling; AIDS health professional training program & a guide to AIDS Research. Info: 1855 Folsom St, Ste 506, SF. 476-6430.

Third World People with AIDS/ARC meet in Oakl. Info: AIDS Project of the Eastbay (510) 420-8181

SF Kaiser Permanente Med Ctr offers HIV + groups (for gay men, for non-gay men & women); ARC groups (for gay men, for women & non-gay men); groups for parents whose children have AIDS; for caretakers (lovers, spouses, friends & others) of people with AIDS/ARC; & for those grieving after losing someone to AIDS. Also offers HIV forums on a variety of issues. Free, open to all Kaiser members, their families & friends.

Kaiser Oakland offers drop-in groups dealing with AIDS/HIV issues. Call Marsha Blachman, LCSW (510) 596-6305. For info on ongoing, closed support groups call Lee Horzempa, LCSW (510) 596-6344; for info on HIV Education forums call Joe De Milia 596-6848.

Kaiser Movement & Exercise: ongoing 10-session, non-intensive therapeutic movement & exercise class for people with AIDS/HIV & other immunodeficiecies, spons by CCCATF & Kaiser Permanente. Wed 3-4 pm, $10/10 wks. Stanwell Bldg, 1634 Newell Ave, Walnut Creek. Drop in OK ($2/session). Info: (510) 943-2771.

Kaiser Patients Advocacy Union (KPAU): consumer activist group assists HIV-positive Kaiser patients, family & friends who are having problems with medical care & services at Kaiser. Newsletter, mtgs, confidential hotline, & lobbying—call 621-3409.

Gazebo at Davies Medical Ctr: an educational ctr for PWAs & HIVers. Get help interpreting lab work; info on clinical trials; nutrition, breathing & body awareness; legal advise (wills, living trusts, power of attorney) & more. For info & calendar of events call 565-6369, Mon-Fri 10 am-4 pm. Castro & Duboce Sts, SF.

SF AIDS Foundation Client Services Dept provides a variety of direct services for persons with AIDS & ARC: financial benefits counseling, info & referral, advocacy, women's & people of color services, emergency housing, food bank & more. For info call 864-5855.

Face to Face/Sonoma County AIDS Network: counseling & in-home care for people with AIDS & ARC in Sonoma County. Also support groups. Info: Face to Face/Sonoma County AIDS Network, POB 1599, Guerneville, CA 95446; or call (707) 887-1581.

The AIDS/ARC Blood Fund for people with AIDS is available by calling the Harvey Milk Lesbian/Gay Demo Club's Blood Fund Coordinator, 863-6761.

Project Open Hand delivers hot meals & groceries to people with AIDS or disabling HIV disease in SF, Oakl & Berk. Food Bank at Church & Duboce, SF, provides groceries only. No one refused service because of inability to pay. A letter of diagnosis/referral is all that's necesssary to receive service. Info: (415) 558-0600 or (510) 548-8909.

The Family Link provides housing for friends & family of people with AIDS who are visiting from outside the Bay Area. Info: 346-0770.

ARIS Project: emotional, practical wkly support groups for people w/AIDS, ARC, HIV pos., & their loved ones. Also volunteer training. Call (408) 370-3272.

Contra Costa County AIDS Program: County government program. Offers community support groups & education. 597 Center Ave, Ste 200, Martinez, CA 94553. For info or to volunteer: (510) 313-6770.

Contra Costa County AIDS Task Force: Offers emotional & practical support to people with AIDS/ARC, their families & loved ones. Support groups, outreach, education. Info: (510) 932-AIDS. 2326 Boulevard Circle, Walnut Creek, 94595-1153.

San Mateo County AIDS Project: spons by the Dept of Health Services. Info: AIDS Project Coordinator 573-2588.

AIDS Ministry of MCC-SF: provides support to persons with AIDS & other life-threatening & chronic illnesses, their family & friends. Support groups, monthly potlucks dinners, healing services, spiritually-based training for caretakers & more. Info: 863-4434. 150 Eureka St, SF.

PAWS (Pets Are Wonderful Support) provides direct services so people with AIDS/ARC can keep their pets. Also places pets in foster & permanent homes as needed. Info: 824-4040.

SHARE (Special Human & Animal Relationships) program of Marin Humane Society offers services to Marin County PWAs with pets. Info: 883-4621.

The Godfather Service Fund: provides care packages (toiletry, bathrobes, slippers & teddy bear) to people with AIDS/ARC/HIV in 12 SF hospitals. To volunteer or make contributions call 565-4433 or write 584 Castro St #225, SF 94114.

The Rest Stop Support Center is a place for and by people with AIDS/ARC/HIV+, and their friends. Drop-in for some coffee & conversation. Ctr sponsors attitudinal healing support groups & activities. Theater classes (theater games, improv, production, both beg & adv folks are welcome), art wkshops, social gatherings & more. For group mtg times & other info call 621-1701. All events are free.

Shanti Project offers emotional, practical & residential support to people with AIDS, their friends, families & loved ones. 525 Howard St, SF. PWA Support Groups: daytime—Tues, Thurs, Fri; eves—Tues, Wed, Thurs. Friends, Family & Lovers Support Group: Wed & Thurs eves; Coping with Loss & Grief Support Group—Thurs eve. For info/location, or to volunteer as an emotional or practical support counselor (training provided) call 777-CARE.

Ellipse-Peninsula AIDS Services offers 1-1 & group emotional support for persons with AIDS & ARC, their families & significant others. Also info/referrals; case management/coordination & attendant care services. Extensive volunteer activities available. Info: 572-9702.

AIDS Interfaith Support Committee of Sonoma County: persons of any faith tradition welcome (707) 762-0107.

AIDS Interfaith Network of the Eastbay: monthly healing services. 2nd Sun, 3 pm, Lake Merritt United Methodist Church, 3755 13th St at Park, Oakl. Info: (510) 523-5011.

AIDS Interfaith of Marin: Diverse group of clergly & spiritual seekers who serve persons with AIDS, their families, friends, loved ones & caregivers. Info: Rev Dave Martin 457-1129 or write to 1000 Sir Francis Drake Blvd, #12, San Anselmo, 94960.

St Dominic's AIDS/ARC/HIV + Support Group meets alternate Tues eves at 7:30 pm at St Dominic's Parish Priory, 2390 Bush St, SF. Everyone welcome! Info: 567-7824.

The Center: provides compassionate support services for perople with AIDS/ARC/HIV & their caregivers in Alameda County. Day Center (meals, housing referrals, therapeutic massage, social activities, laundry & shower facilities, support group & van transportation); Counseling (advocacy, referrals, in-depth psychotherapy); Volunteer Services (provide assistance with cooking, cleaning, shopping, transportation, etc); Food Bank (groceries & nutritional supplements). 3421 ML King Jr. Way, Oakland 94609. Info: (510) 655-3435.

Van Transportation Program for people with AIDS/ARC/HIV in Alameda County. Transport to & from healthcare appts. Info: The Center (510) 655-3435.

Interreligious Coalition on AIDS, a network of AIDS caregivers from the SF religious community, offers a directory of AIDS-sensitive clergy from a diverse range of religious traditions and ethnic backgrounds. Info: Bob Nelson 558-7066.

Kairos Support for Caregivers: resource ctr in the Castro for caregivers of those affected by the AIDS epidemic. Helps caregivers deal with emotional issues. Gives guidance in caring for one's own mind, body & spirit. Support groups, wkshops, social activities, information sharing, counseling. Info: 861-0877.

Immune Enhancement Program offers low-cost research and treatment programs for AIDS/ARC & asymptomatic HIV+ persons using Chinese herbs in tablet forms. Program is directed by Michael Young and run in cooperation with the Institute for Traditional Medicine, Portland, Oregon. Program includes T-cell assays, monthly acupuncture sessions, herbal consults, and all herbal tablets needed. Low-cost, $190, made possible by grants. 3450 16th St, SF. Info: 252-8711.

AIDS Project of the East Bay sponsors support groups throughout the Bay Area for people with AIDS/ARC. Info: (510) 834-8181.

Parents Support Group: for parents of children living with AIDS/ARC. Open to parents with children of any age, facilitated by two parents of a person with AIDS. Issues that arise for parents can be difficult to deal with alone, come talk to other parents who've been there. Oakland location. Spons by AIDS Project of the East Bay. Info: (510) 834-8181.

Parents & Family Support Group: wkly drop-in group gives support to families of origin of people with AIDS. Wed 7-9 pm at Coming Home Hospice, 115 Diamond St, SF. Spons by Visiting Nurses & Hospice of SF. Info: Gail Bigelow 861-8705.

Lovers, Friends, & Family of People with AIDS/ARC Group meets in Berkeley. Mon 6-8 pm. Info: AIDS Project of the East Bay (510) 834-8181.

Project Inform: Provides info on available treatments for HIV/AIDS (both experimental & FDA-approved), and conducts advocacy work on public policy issues affecting treatment access. Services include national toll-free hotline; fact sheets & bulletins; and more. 1965 Market St, Ste 220, SF 94103. Call (415) 558-9051 or (800) 334-7422.

Treatment Action Network (TAN): grass-roots advocacy group launched by Project Inform. TAN is a nat'l network of activists who contact elected officials, govt administrators & drug companies to lobby for critical HIV treatment & research issues. For more info & action updates, call (415) 558-9051 in SF or (800) 334-7422 in Calif, (800) 822-7422 elsewhere in the US.

SF Public Library for the Blind & Print Handicapped offers audio tapes & records to SF residents who can't read print due to physical illness or disability. Unabridged reading material & the equipment needed to play it provided free. All exchanges can be done by mail. Info: 558-5035.

Couples Group for people with AIDS & their partners. Deal with improving communication, problem-solving & other relationship issues. 6 wk groups start every other month. For info call AIDS Health Project 476-6430

Couples Support Group spons by Shanti Project. A group for couples where one or more partners has AIDS. Info: 777-CARE.

Berkeley HIV + Support Group: free, confidential, professionally-facilitated group meets wkly in eves. Limited membership. Low-cost individual counseling also available for PWA/ARC/HIV-positive. Info: Pacific Ctr (510) 841-6224.

HIV-positive/ AIDS Support Groups spons by Project Eden. Groups for PWAs, HIV-positive people, their lovers, friends & families. A safe place to share feelings. Mon & Wed. Info: (510) 887-0566.

San Joaquin AIDS Foundation: 4410 North Pershing Ave, Ste C-5, Stockton. PO Box 8277, Stockton, CA 95208. (209) 476-8533. 1st & 3rd Mon of each month: "Gather Round" support group for the HIV+, persons with AIDS/ARC; 6:30-8 pm at SJAF office. 2nd & 4th Tues: "Hand to Hand" support group for SJAF volunteers, 7 pm at SJAF office. Every Wed: "Stockton Connection" gay rap group discusses safe sex, AIDS, health issues & lifestyle management.

Home Care Wkshops: 17-hr wkshops offered by Home Care Companions, a nonprofit organization. For friends/family taking care of HIV patients in the home. Expand your knowledge of home nursing, social services, legal, medical & psychological issues. Info: 824-3269.

Men's Couples Group: focus on the stress of coping with a partners' illness or anxieties. Mon eves, 7:30-9 pm, free. Spons by AIDS Project of the Eastbay. Info: (510) 834-8181.

Lovers, Family & Friends of People with AIDS/ARC. Operation Concern's AIDS Family Project offers individual, couple & family counseling; plus support groups for the loved ones of people with AIDS/ARC. Info: 626-7000.

AIDS Legal Referral Panel: assists persons with AIDS, ARC or serious HIV infection on a wide range of legal problems, including wills & powers of attorney, housing difficulties, government benefits, employment programs & other issues. Services are free or reduced fee. Call 291-5454.

Insurance/Employee Benefits Legal Clinic for people with HIV infection. Free 45 min consultation with a lawyer to address your insurance questions or problems. Every Thurs, 6:15-8:30 pm. Call the AIDS Legal Referral Panel for an appointment: 291-5454.

AIDS Legal Services for people with AIDS or ARC or who are HIV positive in Santa Clara County. Help preparing wills & power of attorney. Free or SL fee services. Spons by Santa Clara County Bar Assoc Law Foundation. Info: (408) 293-3135.

Shanti Project Residences: Shanti provides low-cost, longterm housing to people with AIDS. Each of 12 residence houses are home to 3-6 people. Private bedrooms, all other living spaces shared. Resident Advocates assist with home health care, transportation, medical intervention of social services. Residents pay ¼ of their monthly income as rent. For info on renting housing or to make a donation: Shanti Residence Care rogram 777-CARE.

Peter Claver Community offers housing to persons with AIDS or ARC who are homeless or unable to secure stable housing. Info: 563-9228. Spons by Catholic Charities AIDS/ARC program.

JFCS AIDS Project: Jewish Family & Childrens' Service offers services to Jewish people with AIDS & ARC, their loved ones & families: counseling, case management, PWA/PWARC support group looking at illness in a Jewish context, emergency financial assistance, meal delivery, practical support volunteers, & support for out-of-town family members. Also speakers' bureau. Coordinator: Jody Reiss 561-1241. 1600 Scott St, SF 94115.

Emergency Health Fund spons by Catholic Charities: provides funds for PWAS/PWARC with incomes of less than $1000/month, to help in emergency situations. Info: 864-7400, ask for the AIDS/ARC Division.

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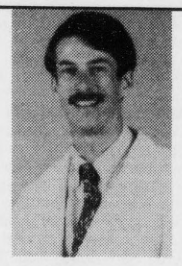

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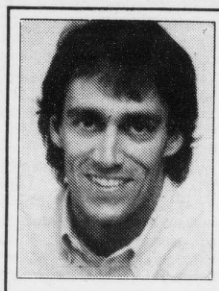

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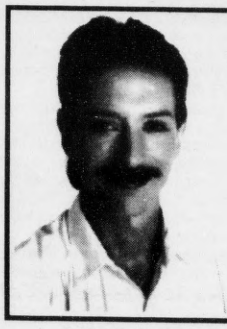

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Spons by the Gay Asian Pacific Alliance, this group provides emotional & pratical support, including counseling, housekeeping, shopping, hospital & home visits, running errands, and preparing special meals. For more info contact Lori Lee 575-3939.

Group for Gay Asian & Pacific Islander Men—Thurs 7:30-9 pm. Spons by Gay Asian Pacific Alliance. Info: 554-9760.

Drop-In Group on AIDS/HIV for Asian and Pacific Islander Men. Free. Find out about HIV testing, what puts you at risk, health monitoring, early intervention, HIV treatment, negotiating relationships and safer sex. Group & invidual consultations are available. Tues & Thurs 6-8 pm, Health Center #1, 3850 17th St btwn Sanchez & Noe, SF. Info: GAPA Community HIV Project 575-3939, Filipino Task Force on AIDS 703-9880, Japanese American AIDS Project 563-0553.

Diablo Valley AIDS Ctr: the only drop-in center for people with AIDS in Contra Costa County. Hrs: Mon-Fri 9 am-9 pm. Info: (510) 686-DVAC or write PO Box 139, Concord CA 94522.

Napa Valley AIDS Project provides education, support groups, benefits counseling, volunteer services & more for HIV + Napa County residents. Info: (707) 258-2437.

Ayurveda Health & Education Resources SF: Nonprofit provides restorative & adjunctive approaches to healthcare to relieve the imbalances & stress related to HIV infection. Info: 255-1928.

The Healing Circle: Support group for people dealing with HIV and/or other healing and growth issues. Men & women welcome. Meets every Thurs at 8 pm. 60 Brady St, SF. Info: David 641-4952.

Food for Thought: AIDS food program for people with AIDS & ARC in Sonoma County. Free groceries, sundries. For info, or to volunteer or donate, write PO Box 1357, Guerneville, CA 95446 or call (707) 887-1647.

Gay Rescue Mission operates drop-in ctr/soup kitchen for people with AIDS or HIV or who are in high-risk groups. Also Twelve Step programs, emergency food, clothing & care. Info: 863-4882.

The Living Room (Revival Inc): a social club for people with AIDS, ARC & HIV + & for all who are concerned & care. Not a support group, not a bar, but an alternate social setting for those seeking a quality atmosphere. Wheelchair Accessible. 4035 18th St at Castro (next to Hot 'n Hunky). Call 252-1150 for hours & other info.

STOP AIDS Mtgs for gay & bisexual men. Meet 12-15 other guys for a one-time, free, informal mtg to talk about safe sex, coping with the epidemic, & what you can do to help end it. Evenings & wkend mtgs. Call Randy or Buck at STOP AIDS Project for reg/info: 621-7177.

Healing Alternatives Foundation (HAF) maintains public HIV/AIDS Treatment & Resource Library. Also Buyer's Club offers substantial savings on products aimed at improving the health of PWAs/HIV+, including vitamins, minerals, herbals and more. Payment accepted thru AIDS Emergency Fund & Catholic Charities. Volunteers receive addt'l discounts on products. Hrs: Tues-Fri, noon-6 pm, Sat noon-5 pm. 1748 Market St at Valencia, SF. Info: 626-2316.

African-American Men with AIDS/ARC/HIV: support group: emotional support, benefits counseling, education & info. Mon at 6:30 pm. SF AIDS Foundation, 25 Van Ness Ave, SF. Info: 864-5855.

American Indian AIDS Institute: Provides education & prevention as well as case management & practical support services for HIV + American Indians. Referrals are welcome. One-on-one mental health services available. 333 Valencia St #200, SF 94103. Call 626-7639.

In-Home Counseling Center provides counseling on a donation basis for people with AIDS/ARC/HIV. Info: 931-6151.

Federal Benefits Seminars: twice-monthly seminar spons by the Client Services Dept of SF AIDS Foundation, for federal employees with AIDS or ARC. Focus is on the benefits package available to federal employees who are currently employed, as well as those considering separation. The hour-long seminar is held 3rd Thurs of the month at 11 am & 4th Thurs at 5 pm, and is led by a rep from the Dept of Health & Human Services. At SF AIDS Fdn Client Services Office, 25 Van Ness Ave, SF. 6th floor. Info/res: call the on-duty social worker 864-5855, pre-reg by phone is required.

Services for deaf & hearing impaired people infected with HIV: Offered by the UCSF Center on Deafness (UCCD) & the Hearing Society. Mental health services, hearing aid & decoding equipment loans, and more. Call Florrie Burke at the Center on Deafness, 476-4980 (voice), 476-7600 (TDD) or Jerry Friedman at the Hearing Society, 863-4710 (voice), 863-2550 (TDD).

EACH (Early Advocacy & Care for HIV) provides info about HIV early intervention, HIV/AIDS treatments & clinical trials. One-on-one cosultations to help HIV-positive men with info, access & referrals to free medical care & other services. Spons by the Gay Men of Color Consortium for gay & bisexual men of all colors. 944 Market St, corner of Mason, SF. Ste 210. Info: 403-3800.

Tenderloin AIDS Resource Ctr: Serves the Tenderloin & South of Market communities. Info & referral, client advocacy, counseling, community education, case management, street outreach, support groups, assitance with the social service & health care system. Bilingual services available. (English/Spanish) services available. Free. Mon-Fri 9 am-5 pm. Info: 431-7476.

Persons With AIDS Theatre: Offers workshops & support groups; plus stage performances, fundraisers. All theatre staff are volunteers, all services free. 140 Page St, SF. Ste 3. Info: 863-1632.

Lesbians with HIV: Individual psychotherapy & case management offered; groups & couples treatment available. Free. Spons by Operation Concern. For info call Miriam or Nan 252-6076.

Multi-Problem Drop-In Group for HIV positive men with substance use &/or mental health concerns at Operation Concern. Free. No reg necessary. 1853 Market St, SF. Tues 5:30-6:30 pm. Call 626-7000.

Can We Talk? Transgender Support Group meets at the Tenderloin AIDS Resource Center. Wed 1-3 pm. 187 Golden Gate Ave, SF. Info: Sheri 431-7476.

Santa Clara County HIV/AIDS Program provides medical evaluation, ongoing monitoring, treatment, benefits & nutritional counseling, case management & referrals at its Early Intervention Project. The Alternative Test Site provides free anonymous HIV antibody testing, with counseling & referral. 976 Lenzen Ave, San Jose. Info: (408) 299-4151.

SF Dept of Social Services offers the In Home Supportive Services program (557-5251) to provide assistance so that people with AIDS may remain in their homes (those with their own caretakers may receive reimbursent); other programs offered include: General Assistance (call 558-1095 to avoid waiting in lines), AFDC (Aid to Families with Dependent Children (557-5721), MediCal (863-9892 or 557-5676 if a home visit is needed) & Homeless (557-6201) programs. Adult Protective Services program (557-5230) offers aid to victims of abuse. The HIV Family Services program (557-5403) offers assistance to AFDC families affected by HIV. The Fragile Infant Care Program (557-5157) finds foster parents for infants with HIV infection or AIDS, and recruits foster parents for this program.

CURAS (Community United in Response to AIDS/SIDA) provides support to the Latino community thru education, emotional & practical support; case management, client advocacy, counseling, support groups, social activities y mucho amor. All services bilingual, confidential & free. Bimonthly newsletter, "Impacto." 347 Dolores St #113, SF. Volunteers needed. Info: 255-2732.

Nutrition & HIV: Free discussion group/class in SF. Led by a registered dietician. For info/location call (510) 547-7893.

The HIV Connection? Group composed of a broad spectrum of people who question the prevailing theory that HIV is a lethal virus which causes AIDS. Send SASE to The HIV Connection? 1072 Folsom St, Ste 321, SF 94103 for more info.

Quan Yin Healing Arts Ctr offers affordable acupuncture & Chinese herbal therapies, plus several methods of massage, for people living with HIV. Staff includes Western medical doctor & team of experienced HIV-certified acupuncturists & massage therapists. Hrs: Tues-Fri, 1-6 pm, Sat 9 am-3 pm. 1748 Market St at Valencia, SF. Info: 861-4964.

Japanese American AIDS Project: Nihongo o hanasu nihonjin gay to lesbian no tame no AIDS ni kansuru soupan. Nihongo de dou 20 Japanese Community Youth Council, 1840 Sutter St, Ste 207, SF. Info: 563-0553.

ARC/AIDS Vigil: See Political.

HIV+/AIDS Support Group in Oakland: Informal, safe space to address concerns, share info. For anyone in any stage of HIV infection. Meets Thurs at 6 pm. Info: Gai (510) 531-2448.

HIV + Lesbian Support Group meets Mon 6-8 pm. Info: Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services 565-7683. Free. WA.

Lesbian/Bisexual Women & their HIV+ Women Partners Couples Support Group meets alternating Thurs, 6-8 pm. Info: Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services 565-7683. Free. WA.

Lesbian/Bisexual Women Partners of HIV+ Women Support Group meets alternating Thurs, 6-8 pm. Info: Lyon Martin Women's Health Services 565-7683. WA. Free.

HIV + African American Women's Support Group spons by Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services. Call 565-7683 for details. WA. Free.

Women's AIDS Network provides info, referrals & advocacy for women affected by HIV/AIDS and women service providers. Programs/services include speaker's bureau, educational resources developoent, special events & developing strategies for focusing HIV services & education toward women. Small emergency grants available to women with HIV/AIDS. Mtg held every first Tues of the month in SF. For details call voicemail 864-4376 ext 2007.

UCSF Positive Education Project conducts continuing education groups to help HIV positive gay men cope with the stress of living with HIV disease. If you T-cell count is btwn 200-500 call 597-9141.

AIDS Info BBS: Computerized info about treatments, studies, contacts, assistance & more. Periodical newsletters, newspaper articles & comments by and for PWA. 8-N-1, 24 hrs. 2400/1200 baud. Free since 7/25/85. Use modem to call (415) 626-1246.

Tai Chi Workout: Free to people with HIV. One hour of slow, therapeutic exercises based on the Chinese Tai Chi Chuan and Chi Kung forms. Relaxing, stress-reducing & invigorating. Supportive, no-push atmosphere. Meets Mon & Wed, 5:30-6:30 pm, 50 Oak St nr Van Ness & Market, SF. Info: Emilio 255-0265.

HIV Dementia Caregiver Study seeks participants who are friends, partners or family members assisting someone with HIV dementia. Research study looks at the special concerns, problems & needs created by caring for a loved one with dementia at home. Participation involves a one-time-only confidential interview lasting about an hour. Call Daniel Parker, MA at 905-6241 for details.

► ADDICTION RECOVERY

Iris Project (division of the Women's Institute for Mental Health) provides help for women wanting to achieve & maintain sobriety; and is one of the few agencies providing services specifically for lesbians. Groups include: early, middle & ongoing recovery; women of color; HIV + lesbians; lesbian relationships in later recovery; & an education group. Individual counseling provided. For info/intake appt call 864-2364 (for middle or later recovery groups) or drop in at orientation (Mon-Thurs at 3 pm) for early recovery group & individual counseling. 333 Valencia St, SF. Ste 222.

Women's Alcoholism Ctr provides residential, outpatient & educational services for women, children & families. 2261 Bryant St, SF. Info: 282-8900.

Smith House detox center for women. Six-bed, non-medical alcoholic detox facility designed by women for women, spons by Haight Ashbury Free Clinics. Info: 387-0244

Mills-Peninsula Hospital Chemical Dependency Ctr, largest drug & alcohol outpatient treatment ctr in the Bay Area, offers specialized lesbian & gay treatment services. 12-week, medically-supervised individual treatment program. Confidential. Two blocks from BART in Daly City. Info: 696-5544.

Acceptance Place provides residential drug & alcohol treatment for gay men. 673 San Jose, SF. Info: 695-1708.

Baker New Place provides residential drug & alcohol treatment for men & women who are HIV positive. 1375 Grove St, SF. Info: 346-6193.

Secular Organizations for Sobriety (SOS), alternative grassroots support group for recovering alcoholics & addicts. SOS appeals especially to persons who may be uncomfortable with the"Higher-Power" concepts of more traditional religious or 12-Step groups. Info: SF—255-1622, EB—534-8638), No Calif—332-1418.

AJIRA (Addicted Jews in Recovery Anonymous). Wkly mtgs for AA, NA & OA members at SF Jewish Community Ctr, 3200 California St, SF. For times & other info: Claire Silver 346-6040 ext 240.

Pagan Womyn's Group for Recovery: For womyn recovering from addictions, abuse & patriarchy. Earth-centered spiritual perspective. Sat 1-2:30 pm at Pacific Ctr, 2717 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: Maggie (510) 874-4987.

Lesbians in Recovery meet once a month for fun & mutual support, call 664-1295 for info/location.

Overcoming Violent Behavior Anonymous-SF: see Incest & Battery.

Men-Only Weight Watchers Group meets Wed 6:30 pm at MCC-SF.

Lesbian Overeaters Anon Mtg: every Tues, 8-9:15 pm at Metropolitan Community Church (MCC)-SF, 150 Eureka St at 18th, SF. Everyone welcome.

Drop-in Group for gay men with substance abuse issues. Thurs eves 7-8 pm. All gay men welcome. Info, support & referral regarding chemical dependency. Spons by Operation Concern. 1853 Market, SF. Info: 626-7000.

Quit Smoking Clinic: 8-session courses for smokers who are serious about quitting. Led by ex-smokers. $35. Limited enrollment. Spons by SF Dept of Public Health. Info/res: 554-9763.

Gay Men's Recovery Program incorporating education, intensive group work & socializing. Info: Operation Recovery 626-7000.

Men's Sexual Addiction 12-Step Group (SLAA) at the Parsonage. Focus on recovery and fellowship. Wed at 8 pm. Free. 555A Castro St, SF.

Men Overcoming Sexual Compulsion: Ongoing self-help group meets weekly in SF & Eastbay. 16-wk commitment required. Info: Jay (510) 547-8439.

Men Overcoming Sexual Compulsion Group meets in Oakl. Ongoing. 16-wk commitment required. Call Jay (510) 547-8439 for details.

Lesbian Sex & Love Addicts Anonymous Mtg (Lesbians Living in the Solution) meets Mon nights at 6:30 pm at The Meeting Place, 2187 Market St at 15th, SF. Room B. Come work on issues around sex, love, relationships & romance in a safe, anonymous 12-step environment.

Adult Children of Alcoholics Gay & Lesbian Mtg: 8 pm Wed nights in the Castro district at MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. Room 104. Info: Pauline 428-1048.

For More Listings under this category, see the *SF Bay Times* classifieds section, "Open Exchange", under the **"Recovery/Addiction Therapy/Support Groups"** heading.

► ARCHIVES

The Gay & Lesbian Historical Society of Northern Caifornia collects, preserves & disseminates materials related to local gay & lesbian experience. Also sponsors public programs & wkshops on lesbian/gay history. 2940 16th St, SF. Info: 626-0980, or write: GLHSNC, PO Box 42126, SF, 94142. Hrs: Wed 6-9 pm, Sat 2-5 pm, you must call ahead before coming to Archives.

Lesbian & Gay Books & Magazines available at the Eureka Valley Harvey Milk Memorial Branch Library, 3555 16th St, SF. 3-wk loan. Hrs: Mon, Thurs, Fri 1-6 pm; Tues 10 am-6 pm; Wed 1-9 pm. Donations of lesbian & gay material, bequests or checks payable to the Gay & Lesbian Collection (SFPLGLC) are very welcome (and tax deductible). Info: 554-9445.

Documentation of AIDS Issues & Research (DAIR) maintains a collection of clippings from magazines, newspapers, & other sources on AIDS & related subjects, from the 70s to the present. Hrs: 11:30 am-4 pm Sat, and by appt. Info: 552-1665.

► BISEXUAL GROUPS

Bay Area Bisexual Network: umbrella organization for bisexual groups, resources & people. Open to everyone, whether or not they consider themselves bisexuals. Info: 564-BABN.

North American Multicultural Bisexual Network (NABN) acts as a clearinghouse for resources, AIDS info & political alerts. Focus on visibility, education, pride. For info contact NABN, 584 Castro St, #422, SF 94114 or call 775-1990.

Bisexual Women's Rap at Pacific Center: A safe place for Bi women. Drop-in group for women interested in bisexuality. ASL interpretation available by prior arrangement. Wheelchair Accessible. Wed 8-9:45 pm at Pacific Center, Berkeley. Info: (510) 548-8283.

Bisexual Women's Support Group meets in SF every other Sun from 3-5 pm. Not a therapy group. Occasional social outings. Info: Jo Ellen 864-3859.

Bisexual Rap Group: Drop-in group for men & women interested in bisexuality. Warm, friendly people. Meets Sun 7-8:550 pm at Pacific Ctr, 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 548-8283.

Bi's Over 40: Support group for bisexual women & men, meets monthly. Info: Maggi Rubenstein 584-0172.

BFSF (BiFriendly-SF): social group open to bisexuals & bifriendly others. BFSF meets 7 pm Mon at Village Deli, 495 Castro St, SF for dinner & conversation with other bisexuals & friends. For confirmation, other activities/calendar: 753-0687.

Bi-Friendly UC: support group followed by social. All members of the UC Berkeley/UCSF community are welcome. Info/location: Davey (510) 235-6657.

Bi-Friendly Eastbay: Call Betsy (510) 845-7441 for mtg location, time & other info.

Bi-Friendly South Bay (BFSB) bisexual social group for men, women & bifriendly others in the South Bay/Peninsula area. Meets 2nd & 4th Mon of each month at Vicolo Pizzeria, 473 University Ave in Palo Alto at 7:30 pm. For info call 856-6901.

Bi-Friendly Sonoma County: bisexual social/support group for men, women & bifriendly others in Sonoma/North Bay. Info: Colin (707) 823-2990.

Women's Bisexual Network of Santa Cruz & Greater Monterey Bay Area: Meets 1st & 3rd Thurs of each month. Drop-in, self-facilitated group open to any bisexual, questioning or bifriendly woman. For location & other info call (408) 427-4556.

Marin Bisexual Women's Support/Social Group meets alternate Wed in Mill Valley. Info: Marilena 381-8865.

WRAMBA (Women's Radical Activist Multicultural Bisexual Alliance), feminist discussion/support/political action group for bi women meets Sun, 1-4 pm. Info: Krista 661-1497.

Be sure to check the "social groups," "support groups" and "political" sections for related groups.

► CALL FOR ENTRIES

Alternatives for Women With Cancer, volume 2 of the "Women, Cancer, Fear, Power" series, will be an anthology by women for women, with focus on alternative treatments & alternative communities. Political essays, informational articles & a few personal stories about alternatives that women with cancer & their women friends have found and/or created are welcome from women with cancer or women loving someone with cancer. Cancer survivors of al kinds are urged to submit articles. No poetry accepted. Send SASE to Third Side Press, WCFP Series, 2250 W. Farragut, Chicago, IL 60625-1802. Deadline: 10/15.

Frameline accepts applications for its 1992 Film/Video Completion Fund. The Fund aims to provide financial assistance to lesbian & gay film & videomakers in the last stages of production. Grants of up to $5000 are offered to artists working in any format or genre. For guidelines & other info contact Frameline, PO Box 14792, SF 94114. Deadline: 10/15. Awards announced on 12/15.

Intergenerational Relationships Between Lesbians: Lesbians who are or have been in a relationship with a woman 15 years younger or older than themselves are invited to submit personal narratives & photos for an anthology on intergenerational relationships between lesbians. Send SASE for guidelines to Pat Rutherford/Stacy Saetta, 3060 Porter St #31, Soquel, CA 95073. Deadline: 12/30.

Queer Propaganda: Submissions sought for exhibit of queer propaganda. Send SASE to Works/San Jose, 260 E. Jackson St, SJ 95112. Deadline: 12/1.

1993 March on Washington Rally Commiteee seeks requests for performer promo kits: All performers interested in performing at the April 25, 1993 March on Washington Rally must submit their promo kits by 10/10. All kits will be reviewed by rally coordinators Robin Tyler & Michelle Crone. Decision will be made ASAP after the deadline. Mail materials & tapes to Michelle Crone, 486 Madison Ave, Albany, NY 12208 or Robin Tyler Productions, 15842 Chase St, North Hills, CA 91343, fax (818) 893-1593.

1993 March on Washington Proposal Requests accepted from trades & business people for merchandise & other production items related to the march. Proposals should include detailed descriptions, copies of past work, proposal mock-up, name, adress & phone or fax, and a timeline. Send to: March on Washington, 1012 14th St, Ste 705, Washington, DC 20005.

Call for Submissions of independently produced animated films for *Toontown Rats*, a bimonthly event curated by Bay Area cartoonist Keith Knight. VHS ½ inch or ¼ inch videotape accepted. For more details call 824-3890 or 752-4037. No entry fee. Next Deadline: 10/31.

Anything That Moves, *Beyond the Myths of Bisexuality*, a quarterly magazine by, for & about bisexuals, seeks feature articles, fiction, poetry, cartoons & photos for an upcoming issue on spirituality. Send SASE to 2404 California St #24, SF 94115 for giudelines, call 564-2226 for other info.

► FUN & GAMES

UC Botanical Gardens: University of California-Berkeley Botanical Gardens feature 33 acres of native & exotic plants in educational & naturalized displays. Open daily, 9 am-4:45 pm. Free admission, free garden tours weekends at 1 pm. Centennial Drive above the UC Berkeley campus. Info: (510) 642-3343.

Game Night: Every Sat night, 6-10 pm at Pacific Cetner, 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Scrabble, Boggle, Pictionary, Taboo, cards, etc. BYOG (Bring Your Own Game). Everyone welcome! Info: (510) 548-8283.

► HEALTH

Quan Yin Healing Arts Ctr: Nonprofit clinic provides affordable acupuncture & Chinese herbal therapies; treatment for people living with HIV, chronic hepatitis, PMS, & other gynecological imbalances. Also offers Stop Smoking Clinic. Office hrs: Tues-Fri, 1-6:30 pm, Sat 9 am-3 pm. Info: 861-4964.

American College of Traditional Chinese Medicine: professional teaching clinic offers Chinese herbal medicine, acupuncture, tui-na (Chinese physio-massage) & Chinese nutritional counseling. SL fee. MediCal accepted. 450 Connecticut St at 20th (on Potrero Hill), SF. Info: 282-9603.

Lyon-Martin Women's Health Sensitive primary health care for women by women, with emphasis on the health care needs of lesbians. Services include: gen'l medical care, gynecology, acupuncture, lesbian parenting, AIDS counseling & safe sex info (safe sex kits for women available). WA. SL. 1748 Market St nr Valencia, SF. Ste 201. Info/appt: 565-7667.

Lesbian Clinic of the Berkeley

White Trash Debutantes in a benefit at the Clubhouse for David Lamble's film, "Mike's Film" on young gay male survival stories, Oct. 4. See Calendar listing for info.

Women's Health Collective provides personal, affordable health care by lesbian practitioners. Gen'l medicine & chiropratic care to evaluate health needs. Gynecological, gen'l medical & mental health services available. Also feminist therapy referrals. Call for appt: 843-6194. WA.

Charlotte Maxwell Complementary Clinic offers free acupuncture, herbs, homeopathy, massage & visualization to low-income women with cancer. Volunteers welcome. Info: (510) 601-7660.

Women's Cancer Resource Ctr: info, support, resource & advocacy ctr for Bay Area women with cancer, their friends, families & practitioners. Provides individual peer counseling & drop-in support groups, newsletter, educational programs, legal wkshops & more. For information on groups & programs offered call 548-9272 or 548-WCRC. 3023 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley.

Environmental Health Network provides fre support, info, referrals & advocacy for people with multiple chemical sensitivities. Mtgs held 1st Thurs of each month. Info: 541-5075.

Gay Men's STD/VD Clinic: testing & treatment by & for gay men, free, every Sun 5:30-7 pm. HIV Antibody anonymous testing for women & men 12 or older, every Sun, 6-7 pm. 2339 Durant Ave at Dana, Berkeley. Wheelchair Accessible. Info: 644-0425 (non-voice TDD 548-8238 for disabled).

Berkeley Free Clinic offers free gen'l health, dental, counseling & information services, plus referrals. Also has women's health clinic by & for women. 2339 Durant Ave at Dana, Berkeley. Wheelchair Accessible. Info: 548-2570 (non-voice TDD 548-8238).

Planetree Health Resource Ctr: nonprofit ctr provides a place to go when you need more info about health or medical concerns. Get up-to-date medical info to assist you in making informed choices about your health. Ctr maintains extensive consumer health library, current medical lit clippings & health bookstore. Also support groups, health information service by mail, and more. 2040 Webster St, SF. Info: 923-3680.

Native American Health Ctr: 56 Julian Ave, SF; 3123 East 14th St, Oakland. Offers a range of physical and mental health care services to the community. SF Info: Administration, 621-8054; Dental, 621-8056; Medical/Perinatal, 621-8051; WIC, 621-7574. Eastbay Info: Administration, 261-0524; Dental 436-0455; Medical/Perinatal, 261-1962; WIC, 436-6837; Family & Child Guidance Clinic, 532-2933; Youth Empowerment, 261-8943.

Ayurveda Health & Education Resources of SF: Nonprofit center offers restorative & adjuctive approaches to health care by reducing imbalances caused by stress, environment or disease. Info: 255-1928.

of **The Healing Circle**: Begun as an HIV support group, the group has evolved into a space of healing & growth for all men & women. Meets every Thurs at 50 Brady St, SF. 8 pm. Info: David 241-9480.

Haight Ashbury Free Clinic Acupuncture Clinic provides acupuncture & Chinese herbal medicine as primary medical care, and for substance abuse recovery & detox. 60 Brady St, SF. Hrs: Mon-Thurs, 9 am-noon. Info: 863-1677.

► HOBBIES

Hortiphiles: a group for lesbians & gay men who enjoy growing plants. For info write PO Box 31, Palo Alto, 94301 or call 851-1022.

Phoebe Snow Society: int'l organization of gay rail fans. Gay men interested in trains, railroading & travel are welcome to join. Info: (510) 352-0301.

Gay Men's Sketch: informal drawing group for gay men. Provides classical nude modeling by gay male model. Open to all skill levels. 2 min gestures to 40-min drawing. Info/schedule: Mark 621-6294.

Lesbian Life-Drawing Group: Multicultural group meets every 2nd Sun of the month. Models provided. $7 fee. Info/location: 252-8514.

Men's Figure Drawing Salon: Informal, free & nude. Wed 7-9 pm. Info: 626-8349.

Women's Sing-A-Long: monthly mtg, Sat night. Informal, fun, easy. Bring guitar, voice, friends. All women welcome. Info/directions Birch 841-6032.

Sacred Circle Dance: Dance ancient & contemporary dances from all over the world. Emphasis on building community & honoring ourselves. All dances taught. Beginners welcome! Fri 8-10 pm, 1819 10th St, Berkeley. 4th Fri potlucks held in El Cerrito. Info: Laura or Howard (415) 359-0207.

Gay & Lesbian Int'l Folk Dance group meets every Tues in SF's Castro District. Line dances, no partners needed. Beginners welcome! 7:30-8 pm teaching, 8-9:30 pm dancing. Info/location: Jim 585-9784.

Women Country Western Dancers: Meet other 2-steppers in a friendly atmosphere. Social dancing, with free lessons. Every Thurs starting at 7 pm, and Sun 4-9:30 pm, in Walnut Creek. Info: (510) 524-7648.

Western Star Dancers offer country western & line dancing first Fri of each month. 7-9:30 pm at Eureka Valley Rec Ctr, Collingwood & 18th St, SF. Soft-soled shoes only. Call 621-0862.

Dark Shadows Society:: Monthly social gathering for fans & friends. Potluck, videos, fun. 8 pm. Call Neil 255-7672 for info/location.

Sheep's Clothing: Informal group of women knitters meet fortnightly in SF to discuss everything from wool to world events over knitting, in the best Ladies' Sewing Circle and Terrorist Society tradition. Info: Gretchen 647-2017.

SF Cable Stitchers: Informal group of male knitters meet biweekly in SF to knit, talk, swap ideas & start a design collective. Info: Peter 824-7828.

Bondage Buddies Group: Bi-weekly parties of play & socializing for gay men into bondage, harddicks & fun s/m. Open to top/bottom and experienced/novices. Info: 292-3228.

Gay Ham Group: Lambda Radio Amateur Club meets 8 pm, 2nd Thurs of each month. Amateur Radio operators & those interested in learning about the hobby are welcome to call 863-1196 or write Lambda Amateur Radio Club, PO Box 14073, SF CA 94114.

Antique Lovers: Group to discuss, compare & trade antiques & collectibles. Info: Marjorie 587-7210 (leave message).

G/LOV (Gay & Lesbian Videomakers) spons open screenings & mtgs for people involved in all aspects of the medium. Write G/LOV, Box 14051, SF 94114.

Like to read? Talk about books? Come to an informal monthly potluck brunch & reading discussion group for women. For info/location: Nancy 221-5623.

► HOTLINES AND REFERRALS

SF Sex Information Switchboard: Mon-Fri, 3-9 pm. Info and referrals on all aspects of sexuality, for all ages & lifestyles. 621-7300.

SF Gender Information: Nonprofit service provides referrals & networking to transsexual & other members of the gender community in the SF/Bay Area & northern Calif. For listings ($3 fee) & other inquiries send SASE to: SFGI, PO Box 423602, SF CA 94142.

Battered Lesbian 24-hr hot-line, individual counseling, support grps & legal advocacy clinics. Info: Liz at WOMAN Inc. 864-4722.

San Mateo Battered Women's Services offers a 24-hr hotline, individual counseling, support groups, legal assistance & shelter. Call 342-0850.

Battered Women's Alternatives: Eastbay resource for lesbians experiencing emotional or physical abuse. Call (510) 676-2845.

Call CUAV (Community United Against Violence) to report harassment, hate violence, intimidation by neighbors or workmates. Counseling, advocacy, info & referrals offered. 24-hr hotline: 333-4357

Gay Domestic Violence: info, peer counseling for gay & bisexual men who batter. Referrals for victims of battering. Spons by MOVE (Men Overcoming Violence). Info: 626-MOVE.

Bay Area Lesbian/Gay Switchboard trained volunteers at Pacfic Ctr listen to your concerns. Also Bay Area & nationwide info—from sports, entertainment, rap groups, counseling, AIDS info. Services provided for the hearing impaired. Call (510) 841-6224.

SF AIDS Foundation Hotline: (Spanish/English) info & referral to SF & No Calif (800) FOR-AIDS, TDD 864-6606. Tagalog AIDS Hotline: 1-(800) FIL-AIDS (voice/TDD). Hrs: 9 am-9 pm Mon-Fri, 11 am-5 pm Sat & Sun.

AIDS Legal Referral Panel: see AIDS Resources for details. Info: 291-5454.

Poison Control Central: 24 hr service. Over-the-phone help w/ poison emergencies. Call 476-6600.

SF Drug Line: support, info, referrals on drug problems/treatment. Call 752-3400.

Discriminated Against because of your sexual orientation? Contact SF Human Rights Commission, Lesbian/Gay Liaison Unit. There are local laws to protect you. Info: 252-2500.

Renters: Learn Your Rights! Old St. Mary's Housing Committee offers counseling & special clinics on various housing issues, including evictions, leases, etc. For info/appt: 398-0724.

SF Tenants Union: provides free walk-in or telephone counseling for members, walk-in only counseling for non-members. Call 282-6622 for info. 558 Capp St, SF.

Sentinel Fair Housing: nonprofit agency investigates complaints of housing discrimination & provides comprehensive housing counseling to residents of Northern Alameda County (also referrals for out-of-area persons). If you think you have been discriminated against, call (510) 836-2687 for help/info/referral.

ECHO Housing, a nonprofit housing agency in Alameda County, offers services to Alameda County residents including deposit & delinquent rent guarantees. (In northern Alameda County call the Rental Assistance Program (RAP) at (510) 836-4826, in southern Alameda County call RAP at (510) 581-9380). Echo also offers a county-wide homeseeking program, call (510) 581-9380 for details.

Senior Information Line: events & services available to seniors in SF, spons by SF Commission on Aging. Newsline: 552-6016. Anyone wishing to add an event should call 626-1033.

Neighbors Driving You Crazy? Community Boards can help—CB is a free, fast & effective dispute resolution service for SF residents with problems: renter/owner disputes, noise, pets, money disputes, family or housemate problems, etc. Call 239-6100 & get relief.

GLADRS (Gay & Lesbian Alternative Dispute Resolution Service) offers free, confidential panel mediation services. Get help developing a mutually-created & agreed upon solution to interpersonal, tenant/landlord, inter-and intra-group/agency and other disputes from trained lesbian, gay & bisexual mediators. Call 552-4135. 3543 18th St, Box 28, SF 94110.

Bay Area Bisexual Speakers Bureau: addresses all topics related to bisexuals. Speakers available. Call 564-2226.

SF Women Against Rape provides individual & group counseling for rape survivors; also does advocacy & educational work. Info: 647-RAPE. 3543 18th St, SF 94110.

Feminist Therapy Referral Project has provided psychotherapy referrals to Eastbay women therapists since 1971. SL fees & insurance are available, for info/appt, call 843-9249.

California Youth Crisis Line provides the following services to young people who have run away from home, & to their parents: crisis intervention counseling, referrals to resource agencies & a neutral message center. For help call 800-843-5200.

Diamond Street Youth Shelter provides shelter to homeless kids in SF (see Youth). 536 Central Ave btwn Hayes & Grove: Bus lines: 21 Hayes or 5 Fulton. Free. Info: 567-1020.

Calif Lawyers for the Arts (CLA): nonprofit offers legal info & education to artists. Info: 775-7200.

The Calif Network of Self-Help Centers, spons by the Calif Dept of Mental Health, offers referrals to more than 3,500 free or low-cost support groups statewide (Alcoholics Anonymous, Co-dependents Anonymous, Gamblers Anonymous, etc). For info call 1-(800) 222-LINK.

Breaking Walls, Building Bridges: Diablo Valley Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) BBS outreach service available. Forums, news, views, confidential mail. (510) 827-0804, 3/12/2400, 24 hrs. Sysop Deacon DVMCC.

AIDS/HIV Nightline: Emotional support, gen'l info: 9 pm-5 am weekdays, 5 pm-5 am wkends. Call 668-2437 (English), 752-4866 (Spanish).

SF Suicide Prevention Crisis Line: 24 hrs, every day: 221-1423.

SF Youth Line: 752-2000

SF Drug Line: 752-3400.

Dial—A-Dyke: Free telephone bulletin board for women. Call (415) 241-1564 24 hrs a day.

► INCEST AND BATTERY

Support Group for Adult Men Who Were Raped/Sexually Assaulted as Teenagers or Adults: Free, 10-wk facilitated groups offered by SF Rape Treatment Center. A safe, non-judgemental place to explore the effects of the abuse & continue the healing process. Led by Susan Wachob, LCSW, extensively-experienced facilitator of groups for male & female survivors of sexual abuse. Individual counseling also available. Info: 821-3222.

Survivors of Incest, Anonymous : 12-step, self-help group meets Tues 6:00-7:45 pm at the Pacific Center, 2712 Telegraph at Derby, Berkeley.

Ritual Abuse Survivors: "Empowerment Through Writing," monthly support group for women, using writing as a medium to share our lives as survivors. Free. Info: (510) 534-9928.

Partners of Survivors of Incest Anonymous: Support group for partners of incest survivors, ritual abuse survivors, and multiple personalities. Tues, 8-9:30 pm, free. Mandana House, 541 Mandana, Oakl. Info: 839-8844.

Incest Survivor Group for Lesbians: 2nd phase group for lesbians who identify as survivors of incest & childhood sexual abuse, and have completed a 1st phase group. This group focuses on sexuality. Participants must be in individual therapy simultaneously. Spons by Operation Concern. For info/interview appt call Alesia Kunz, MFCC 626-7000, Mondays, 1:30-3 pm. SL fee.

Gay & Bisexual Men Who Batter: Are you feeling ashamed, afraid or angry about having been violent with the man you love the most? MOVE (Men Overcoming Violence) provides assistance & support for change in a safe, confidential place. Info: 626-MOVE.

Overcoming Violent Behavior Anonymous-SF: 12-step fellowship for batterers, based on the principles of AA. Women-only mtg. Thurs 6:30-7:30 pm, Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) of SF, 150 Eureka St, SF.

Support Group for Men who have been physically and/or emotionally abused in relationships. Led by licensed clinical psychologist, spons by Gay Men's Domestic Violence Project. For info/reg: CUAV 864-3112. Confidentiality guaranteed.

Support Group for Lesbians who are or have been in a battering relationship; SL. Info: Women Inc.: 864-4722.

Battered Women's Alternatives: An Eastbay resource offering services for lesbians experiencing emotional or physical abuse. Support group, shelter, counseling, legal advocacy. Info: (510) 676-2845.

Formerly Battered Women: Support group for women who have experienced domestic violence, and are now living independently. No fee, childcare available. Call Nancy at 863-3315 or 255-2754.

Battered Lesbian Outreach: offered by Sonoma County YWCA Women's Emergency Shelter Program. Info: (707) 546-1234. Call—you are not the only one.

Battered Lesbian 24-hr hot-line, individual counseling, support grps & legal advocacy clinics. Info: WOMAN Inc. 864-4722.

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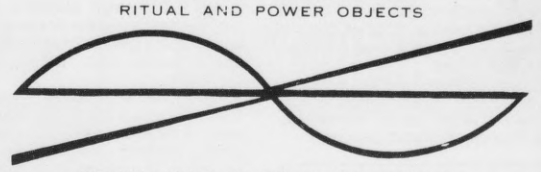
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Rosalie House's offers Women's Jobs Program offers vocational services to battered women & formerly battered women. Counseling, referrals, resume writing & job placement. Free. Call Alma 863-2160 for info.
For more listings under this category, see the *SF Bay Times* classifieds section, "Open Exchange", under **"Incest/Battery Therapy/Support Groups".**

► PARENTING & FAMILY RESOURCES

Pursuing Fertility: Support group for women who have made 10 or more insemination attempts. Group explores the emotions & complications associated with trying to get pregnant. Info: Marsha (510) 835-8919.
Prospective Queer Parents Group for lesbians & gay men seeking coparenting or known donor situations. Call Leland (510) 841-4663 for more information.
Black Female Couples With Children Group meets for support, socializing & fun. Eastbay & SF locations. Single moms are welcome! Info: Erika or Elisha (510) 293-0711.
Lesbian Moms of Young Children/Babies: Interested in networking in the Eastbay. Come to potluck/brunch—call 540-7171 for details.
Lesbians with Babies Group meets in SF. For info/location: Paula 206-1170.
Lesbian, Gay & Bisexual Single Parents: Meet to schmoooz, give mutual support. Info: Michele 826-9215.
Southbay Gay Parents: an organization for gay fathers & lesbian mothers. Meets 3rd Sun of each month in the San Jose area for mutual support & for exploring parenting issues. For information call (408) 293-4525 for more info.
Ever Given Up A Child for Adoption? Ongoing support group for birthmothers: offers support for healing our losses, help in searching for our children. Info: 626-8124.
Adoption Support Groups for adult adoptees, birth parents & adoptive parents. Info: Post-Adoption Ctr for Education & Research (510) 935-6622.
Chain of Life: feminist adoption reform newsletter, supports open records & search & reunification of adoptees & birth families; critiques traditional adoption practices. Edited by adoptee. For backlist/info send SASE to Chain of Life, PO Box 8081, Berkeley, CA 94707.
NOCIRC (Nat'l Organization of Circumcision Information Resource Ctrs) offers education, information & support about circumcision. Learn why circumcision is physically & emotionally damaging to children. Info: 488-9883.
GLADRS (Gay & Lesbian Alternative Dispute Resolution Service) offers free, confidential panel mediation services. Get help finding a mutually created and agreed upon solution to custody, property & other family disputes from trained lesbian, gay & bisexual mediators. Info: 552-4135. 3543 18th St, SF, Box 28, SF 94110.
Lesbian & Gay Parenting Program offered by Lyon Martin Clinic. Offers ongoing seminars, wkshops, small groups & forums for lesbians & gays thinking about parenting, and for lesbian & gay families; including 8-wk "Lesbians Considering Parenthood," and "Gay Men Considering Parenthood," Call Lyon-Martin 565-7674 for info.
FOCUS: (Focus on Children Under Siege), see Political.
Be sure to check the *SF Bay Times* classifieds section, "Open Exchange", under "Parenting" and the Parents & Kidsbox for other parenting services/info.

► PEOPLE OF COLOR

Black & White Men Together Rap/Socials: every Sat at 1350 Waller St nr Masonic, SF. Rap 6:30-9 pm. For info/mtg topic: 826-BWMT. Peter Eggenberger, facilitator; Calvin Lowery, greeter.
United Colors of Queer Nation: Direct action group for queers of color. Composed of queer people of color united to bring our common issues to the foreground of discussion & increase our visibility within & outside of the queer community, thru direct action. For info on mtgs & actions call John 821-6108 or 985-7141.
Bisexual People of Color Caucus: resource, support, political action, social group. Info: Lani 821-3534.
Lesbians of Color/Third World Lesbian Support Group meets Thursdays, 6:30-8pm; $3 donation (no one turned away for lack of funds); Pacific Ctr, Telegraph & Derby, Berk. Info: Camille Barber; (510) 548-8283.
Zebra Brigade: Social group for Black and white lesbian couples. SF location. Info: Anita or Lorrie 641-5980 or Naomi 821-9972.
African American lesbians 40+: monthly mtg for social activities, potluck, card & board games, theater outings & sports events. Info: Brenda (510) 465-2573.
Ache: Nonprofit community organization for lesbians of African American descent. Produces monthly & annual events; provides community outreach, education & networking; publishes a bimonthly magazine of articles, conference reports, poetry & community events for and about lesbians of African American descent. For more info call 849-2819 or write: Ache, PO Box 6071, Albany, CA 94706.
Black Female Couples With Children Support Group: See Parenting.
MAS (Multiracial African Support) Group by & for mixed-heritage "queers" who are proudly part African. Must be respectful/accepting of transsexuals, gays & bisexuals. Write: MAS, #634, PO Box 410-990, SF 94147-0990.
Nadlehs of Woda'abe: Support group by and for Native Americans with African blood who are equally proud of both cultures. Accepting of/respectful to transsexuals, bisexuals, gays, etc. Contact: Nadlehs of Woda'abe or N.W. #634, PO Box 410-990, SF 94147-0990.
Asian Lesbian Potluck Brunch Group meets every 4th Sun, 10 am-noon, free. A support group for Asian lesbians 35 yrs & over. Info: (510) 482-0787 or (415) 255-7560.
Third World People with AIDS/ARC group spons by AIDS Project of the Eastbay. See AIDS Resources.
Asian/Pacific HIV-Positive Gay Men's support group offered by GAPA (Gay Asian Pacific Alliance), see AIDS Resources.
AIDS/HIV Info Group for Asian & Pacific Islander Men. Drop-in, free. See AIDS Resources for details. Spons by GAPA.
Gay Asian Rap Group in SF, spons by Gay Asian Pacific Alliance. Meets every other Wed, 7-9 pm. Info: 282-GAPA.
CASA: Community Alternative Social Assoc. A multiracial social & community service organization for gay latinos & friends. Mtgs held every 2nd Sat of each month at Dolores Street Community Center, 208 Delores St, SF. 5-7 pm. All are welcome! Call 552-6433 for more info.
CURAS (Community United in Response to AIDS/SIDA) provides services to the Latino community, see AIDS Resources.
GELAAM: Gente Latina de Ambiente. A Latino/Latina lesbian, gay & bisexual organization that participates in the improvement of our community at a political, cultural, social & educational level. Gen'l mtgs every 2nd Sat of each month. Monthly newsletter, "Ambiente." For more info write to GELAAM, 2261 Market St, PO Box 300, SF 94114 or call 626-8318.
AGUILAS (Asamblea Gay Unida Impactando Latinos/as Superase). Group committed to advocating & developing activities in our community which encourage positive self identities, healthy relationships & leadership skills. Mtgs/potlucks held 1st Sat of each month. Call Juan 648-3702 for info/location.
Latin Lesbians of the Eastbay: Monthly mtgs just to socialize. Call Gloria (510) 530-3473 for info/location.
Chinese Lesbian Social Group: for info call 826-2455.
Asian Pacifica Sisters (APS): an organization by and for Asian and/or Pacific Islander women who are lesbians or bisexuals. APS seeks each woman's own unique experience, whether of Pacific Islander, East Asian, Southeast Asian, South Asian, or mixed heritage. American-born or immigrant, multilingual or monolingual, physically challenged or able, all are welcome! Call Anna 334-5040 for more information.
Lesbian, Gay, or Bisexual & Korean? Monthly mtgs, discussions, potlucks & special activities offered. Mtgs 1st Sun of each month, 1-3 pm, in SF. Info: Lori 563-8689. Mtgs conducted in English, with some bilingual participants.
Asian & Pacific Islander Gay/Bi Men's Support Group: meets Tues 6:30-8 pm at Pacific Ctr. Gay Asian men of all ages are welcome. Info/res: (510) 841-6224. 2712 Telegraph Ave at Derby, Berkeley.
Vietnamese Gay Men's Group: Share feelings, exchange information, give support. Monthly newsletter in English & Vietnamese. All Asians welcome. For details contact Brian Dang, 2200 Market St #95, SF 94114.
Black Gay & Bisexual Men's Support Group: Drop-in. Pacific Center, 2712 Telegraph, Berkeley. Wed 8-9:50 pm. Info: (510) 548-8283.
Gay/Asian Pacific Alliance (GAPA): group by & for gay men of Asian & Pacific Islander heritages. GAPA seeks to create a positive & visible presence for gay Asian/Pacifics in the SF Bay Area. Gen'l mtgs: every 2nd Sun of the month at MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. 6-8 pm. Also bimonthly newsletter "Lavender Godzilla", write to PO Box 421884, SF CA 94142-1884 to subscribe. Info: GAPA Hotline 282-GAPA.
Support Group for Asian/Pacific Islander gay, lesbian & bisexual young people, 21 & under, spons by Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services' LYFE (Lambda Youth & Family Empowerment) program. Call Donna 565-7681 for info.
African-American Men dealing with AIDS/ARC/HIV Support Group at SF AIDS Fdn, see AIDS Resources.
Bay Area HIV Support & Education Service (BAHSES) provides assistance to gay/bisexual men who are HIV positive—see AIDS Resources. Group spons by Black & White Men Together & Men of All Colors Together.
African-American Women with Cancer: Support group meets every other Mon 6:30-8 pm at the Women's Cancer Resource Ctr, 3023 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 548-WCRC or (510) 548-9272 for more information.
Lesbians of Color sobriety support group at Iris Project, see Addiction Recovery.
Motorcycle Club for Black gay women. Info: 1724 Sacramento St, #6, SF 94109.
Artists of Color Open Mike Night at Ohama Cultural Ctr: Every 2nd & 4th Thurs of the month. 7 pm, $5. 4345 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. Info: (510) 658-1868.
BAYBLAG (Bay Area Black Lesbians & Gays) support group for men & women of African American descent. Spons social & political functions, facilities outreach programs, etc. Info: Midgett 648-3658, Dewitt 641-7971.
Free Mental Health Services for Native Americans, see Therapy Groups for details.
Female to Male Pre-Op Transsexual Survival/Support Group for FTMs of color. See Transgender Groups.
Theater Writing Class for lesbian, gay & bisexual young people of color. Ongoing, see Youth.

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Deidre McCalla in concert at Great American Music Hall, Oct. 4. Check Calendar for details.

► PERFORMANCE & WRITING GROUPS

Mothertongue Feminist Theater Collective welcomes any woman with ideas to share & stories to tell—writing & performing experience not necessary. Info: (510) 848-5966.
Jon Sims Ctr for the Performing Arts: "multidiscipinary force for artistic freedom, cultural democracy, and community outreach". Presents music, dance & musical theatre performances, and educational programs. 1519 Mission St, SF. New members are always welcome. JSC is especially interested in making programs accessible to ethnic minorities and people of color. Call 621-5619 for mtg times & other info.
VOICES: Bay Area lesbian choral ensemble covers the musical map, performing everything from madrigals and contemporary music to blues & jazz. For more info or to be on mailing list call 773-9181.
Lesbian/Gay Chorus of SF invites you to join in making music & having fun. Ability to read music a plus, but not necessary. Rehearsal times & other info: 861-7067.
The Society of Gay & Lesbian Composers encourages the composition of music that conveys the attitudes, ideals & uniqueness of gay & lesbian cultures. Group sponsors 3 annual concerts, plus monthly business & social mtgs (usually in SF) where composers can meet & share their music & ideas. For info/location of next mtg call 681-8008. For brochure/membership application or other info write PO Box 14521, SF CA 94114.
Gay/Lesbian Chamber Music Circle: Meets monthly for dinner, informal performances by group members. Amateur musicians, all levels, welcome. Info: Michael (510) 525-6723, Bob (415) 863-8268.
Bay Area Gay & Lesbian Ensemble meets wkly in the Eastbay. Group committed to creativity & fun! Rehearsals on Thurs eves or Sun afternoon, instrumentalists of all types & abilities are encouraged. Info: 1-(800) 999-6795.
GAWK (Gay Artists & Writers Kollective). Join rock musicians, singers, writers, cartoonists, comedians & others for eclectic, upbeat, fun socializing. Info: Jon Sugar 731-2424 or write (with SASE) 901 Stanyan St #14, SF 94117.
Lesbian Visual Artists: A promotional & networking organization for lesbian visual artists. LVA follows an activist agenda, promoting visibility. Produces events, newsletter & exhibitions. For info call 821-2975 or write LVA, 3543 18th St #5, SF 94110.
Fat Lip Readers Theatre: political theatre collective of fat, fiesty & diverse women who strut their stuff on stage & video, and in wkshops. Submissions of poetry, prose, stories & analysis with a fat liberation perspective are welcome & respected. Info: PO Box 29963, Oakl 94604; (510) 655-7404.
Novel Writing Group for women who are in the process of writing a novel. Meets in SF twice per month. Info/location: Eliza 759-5898.
Women Writers Group: All cultures & genres. New members welcome! Info: Debra (510) 261-8994 or Judy (415) 621-7709.
Bi-Monthly Women Writers Support Group for serious novelists who are published, or seeking publication. Not to show work, but to provide a supportive environment, share news, angst & ideas about "the (writer's) life." Info: Margo 666-3026.
Mark I Chester's SEXART Salon: Salon & parties focused on sexuality & creativity. Participants share artwork (your own or someone else's) such as reading, performance & static art that explores sex, sexuality & eroticism. New performers welcome, regardless of experience. Events are open to men & women of all sexualities. Info: 544-1136 (leave message).
Sistah Boom, a mostly lesbian of color percussion band playing Afro-Brazilian/Caribbean rhythms at Gay Pride, pro-choice & anti-war events, seeks women of color, lesbian-feminist identified, musically-inclined & committed to unlearning racism work, to jam with one of the hottest percussion ensembles around. Info: Kay (510) 654-3360 or Adalia (510) 601-6844 (6-8 pm).

► POLITICAL

Outrage! San Francisco. Predominantly queer activist/direct action group devoted to exposing & opposing all forms of oppression. Operated by telephone networking & phone bank. Mtgs organized & called when needed around specific issues. To join, suggest an action, phone bank or attend a mtg call & leave your name & number on the Queer Line: 985-7141.
IRATE Anti-Bashing Project: Devoted to eliminating violence against the queer community by any means necessary. Also examines issues around violence, lateral aggression & internalized homophobia. Offers self-defense options & awareness. IRATE (Irked Radicals Addressing Terrorism thru Empowerment) is an affinity group of Outrage! SF. Info: 985-7141.
Queer Nation: A working activist group which utilizes direct action to oppose & eliminate heterosexism & homophobia. Group meets every Thurs at the Women's Bldg (starting 10/8), 3543 18th St, SF. For info call the Queer Line 985-7141 or write QN, Box 34, 3543 18th St, SF CA 94110.
Queer Scouts is devoted to exposing & eliminating the homophobia, racism, sexism & religious tyranny of the Boy Scouts of America. Info: 985-7141.
Queers for Cuba works to build solidarity btwn Cuba's struggle to survive as a sovereign socialist nation & our struggles for social justice here. For info call 995-4678 or write 3543 18th St, Box 33, SF 94100.
Gay & Lesbian Alliance Defamation (GLAAD) works for fair & diverse coverage of lesbians, gays & bisexuals, and fights stereotypical portrayals in the print & electronic media. To report a defamation, call the hotlines: SF (415) 861-4588, EB (510) 273-9146, (SB) (408) 235-0229. Fax (415) 861-4893 or send photocopies or tapes to GLAAD, 514 Castro St, Ste B, SF 94114. New defamations discussed 1st Thurs of each month, 7 pm, 514 Castro St, SF.
GLAAD East Bay meets 4th Sun of every month, 7 pm, at Pacific Center, 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley.
BiPol: bisexual, lesbian & gay political action group of the SF Bay Area. Info: write BiPol, 584 Castro St #422, SF 94114 or call 775-1990.
Lesbian Uprising! A feminist political, educational & cultural group of Bay Area lesbians who envision a return to the radical ideals of the women's liberation movement; who recognize the deep connection between the personal & the political, and seek means to embody those connections in concrete ways. Group defends & empowers women by being visible, participating in street demos, etc. Group also meets twice monthly to discuss exciting feminist literature & theory. Interested? Call Gail 441-6238 or write PO Box 423555, SF CA 94142 for free copy of monthly newsletter/calendar.
Veterans CARE (Veterans Council for American Rights & Equality) protests discrimination against lesbians & gays in the military, seeks to allow homosexuals to serve openly in the armed forces. For membership & other info write to Veterans CARE, PO Box 855, Nice, CA 95464-0855 or call Jack (707) 274-1303.
Pallas Athena Network: An open, supportive network for women veterans to discuss issues, experiences, thoughts & ideas with other women who share the common bond of military service. Bimonthly publication, *Pallas Athena*, provides articles of interest to women vets, including letters, fiction, creative work & resource information. All women veterans, regardless of race, creed, religion or sexual orientation, are welcome. A discreet supplement by/for lesbian vets is available. No govt or political affiliation, mailing list confidential. Write: Pallas Athena Network, PO Box 1171-T, New Market, VA 22844.
NGLTF (Nat'l Gay & Lesbian Task Force): Local unit of nat'l lesbian/gay rights organization meets 2nd & 4th Wed of each month at 6:30 pm. Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF. Info: (510) 653-2571.
WHAM!/Bay Area: Women's Health Action & Mobilization, a women's direct action group committed to promoting women's health, securing & defending women's right to control our own bodies & have access to free community controlled healthcare for all women. Meets alternate Mon, 7 pm, at New College, 777 Valencia St at 19th, SF. All women who believe healthcare is political are welcome. Call 985-7141.
FOCUS (Focus on Children Under Siege) sees a future where children are no longer physically, emotionally or sexually abused. Monthly mtgs held 7-9 pm at Hayward Public Library, 835 "C" Street, Hayward. Info: (510) 449-4230 or (510) 449-9663.
Stonewall Democratic Club: A demo club for women & men which focuses on Democratic politics as well as AIDS, breast cancer & gay freedom issues. Meets 1st Tues of each month at 7:30 pm at MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. Mtgs are often panel discussions of current topics of interest to the lesbian, gay & bisexual communities, interspersed with political endorsement meetings. Visitors welcome! Info: Ralph Payne 929-1591.

Eastbay Gay & Lesbian Commmittee for Clinton-Gore Campaign meets Wed at 7:30 pm. For info/location call Mark (510) 428-2333 or Therese (510) 524-0540.
Lavender SIG (Special Interest Group): A nat'l political & support network for fat lesbians, bisexuals & gays, and their allies. Part of NAAFA (Nat'l Assoc to Advance Fat Acceptance), a human rights organization. For info send SASE to Lavender SIG, PO Box 210074, SF 94121-0074.

► PROFESSIONAL GROUPS

Golden Gate Business Association (GGBA): comprised of gay & lesbian businesses, professionals, artisans & individuals throughout the Bay Area. Monthly networking events & more. For membership & event info call (415) 441-3651 or (800) 272-0278. Office Hrs: Mon-Fri 11 am-4 pm.
Brava! For Women in the Arts: multicultural organization of women artists who promote excellence among women in the arts thru professional presentation of established women artists, as well as providing services & assistance to emerging women artists. Info: 641-7657.
Federal Lesbians & Gays (FLAG) offers support, advice & activities for Federal employees. Mtg 2nd Wed of each month, 6 pm. SF location. Info: (510) 528-4427.
Pallas Athena Network: Open, supportive network for women veterans. Share issues, experiences & thoughts with other women who share the bond of military service. All women vets welcome, regardless of sexual orientation. Group publishes newsletter, with discreet lesbian supplement. No govt or political affiliation, mailing list confidential. Contact: Pallas Athena Network, PO Box 1171-T, New Market, VA 22844.
G/LOV: Gay/Lesbian Organization of Videomakers: Monthly meetings for people involved in all aspects of video & film production. Info: Nikos Diaman 775-6143.
Chevron Lesbian & Gay Employees Association: Call 928-7318 for meeting times & other information.
Women's Business Network (WBN) provides practical support for women in business & women changing careers. Educational networking events, monthly newsletter, low-interest loans for women in business and women changing careers. Info/complimentary newsletter: WBN (510) 482-8583.
Gays & Lesbians in Planning: Social group for men & women in city planning & related professions. Bi-monthly potluck dinners, short programs & social events. Info: 626-5750.
BANGLE (Bay Area Network of Gay & Lesbian Educators) supports lesbian, gay & bisexual educators by providing monthly social gatherings & working for equality in education. Membership confidential. Educators, their families & friends are welcome. Info: SF—(415) 285-5078, Eastbay (510) 234-4627, Contra Costa County (510) 687-4851, Southbay (408) 298-1231, Sonoma County (707) 526-7931.

► SENIORS

Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders) offers various groups (writing, outings, discussion, etc) of interest to lesbians & gay men. For info on groups offered call 626-7000.
Senior Information Line:—see Hotlines & Referrals.
St Francis of Assisi Community invites all seniors age 60 & over to share a nutritious free lunch, Mon-Sun at noon. $1.25 suggested donation. Group also offers full, free activities program for seniors, including craft classes, day trips, bingo, exercise classes, health education & health screenings. For meal reservations or copy of activities calendar call 861-5790, 9 am-noon. 145 Guerrero St, SF.

► SOCIAL GROUPS

Girth & Mirth Club of SF meets every Sat. Chubbies meet chasers meet chubbies. For info write: 176-B Page St, SF 94102 or call 24-hr message hotline: 552-1143.
UCGALA (Univ of Calif Gay & Lesbian Alumni Assoc). Open to graduates and anyone else who is a friend of the University. Annual membership: $20. For info & to get on mailing list (confidentiality assured), call 267-3150. Monthly social & cultural events.
Cal Poly GALA (Gay & Lesbian Alumni Assoc) provides social & cultural support for lesbian, gay & bisexual students, curricula & activites; and serves the needs alumni & future alumni. Absolute confidentiality assurred. Info: (408) 245-7179.
Fremont Men Social Group: Potlucks, dinners, hikes, etc; in the Fremont area. For newsletter or other info write PO Box

1238, Fremont, CA 94538 or call (510) 713-2455, (510) 596-3578.
Berkeley Flats Dykes (BFD) meets the last Sun of each month for potluck brunch. Call (510) 644-3302 or (510) 841-6032 for info/location.
Tri-City Area Lesbians: (Fremont, Union City, & Newark). Meet your neighbors for informal dinners, socials, etc. Call Beth or Laurie (510) 794-8004.
Palo Alto Lesbians & Gay Men meet monthly for potlucks in member homes. All ages, both sexes, singles, couples & multiracial welcome! Info: Jay or Tom 858-2800.
Albany Dykes: Join your neighbors for potluck Sun brunch! Info/location: Barbara (510) 528-9026 or Judy (510) 525-6866.
Napa Valley Women's Network meets 1st Fri eve of each month for socializing, card parties, potlucks, etc. For more info call (707) 944-8081.
Solano Lambda Men's Assoc: Offers alternative events for gay men. Rap group, social activities, etc. Meets 2nd & 4th Tues of each month in Vacaville, call (707) 448-1010 for info/location.
Couples/SF Bay Area Group provides social, educational & humanitarian forum for gay & lesbian couples. For more info/events calendar, call Sam & Ted 929-8402 or Suzanne & Deborah 355-7710.
Women Over 50 Social Group meets every 3rd Sun from 3-5 pm, in Los Gatos. Other events arranged. Info: (408) 354-4397 or (415) 558-8366.
Generation X-Ers: Rap/social group for progressive-thinking twentysomethings (women especially encouraged). Dicussion topics: mid-twenties breakdown, generation identity, PC, activism, Bradys, etc. SF location. Info: 252-9097.
Die naechsten Potluckparty des Deutschen Freundschaftskreises erfolgt am dritten Freitag des Monats. Alle, die Deutsch sprechen oder Interesse haben sind herzlich Willkommen. Fuer weitere Infos bitte Don unter 329-1438 anrufen.
Russian-speaking potluck social: 2nd Fri of every month. All ability levels welcome, from native to beginner. Info/location: Don 329-1438.
Language Practice/Social Group for people of color; see People of Color.
Asian Lesbian Potluck Brunch Group, see People of Color.
Bridging the Gap Alliance: Social/political group of deaf, hard of hearing and hearing lesbians. Meets monthly (mtgs in ASL). New signers are welcome! Info: write BGA, PO Box 5669, Berkeley, CA 94705.
Eurofemme: European-born women's social group. Lesbians, feminists, artists, politicos, glam, butch—all welcome. Info: Nicola 621-5443.
East Bay Network: Club for gay community socializing. Anytime, on-line 24 hrs. Computer & modem required. Call (510) 827-0470. Modem (510) 827-3894.
Brainy, Artsy Gals: Monthly gatherings for women who enjoy good food & conversation. Info: 658-9389.
LFN (Lesbian Friday Night) Group: Meet 1st Fri of month for relaxed conversation around a good vegetarian potluck dinner & delicious dessert! Watch movies, plan outings, etc. Lesbians only. Couples & singles welcome. Berkeley location. Info: (510) 559-8355.
New Horizons: Social/support/volunteer group for young adults in their twenties. Meet Thurs in Marin at the YWCA, 1000 Sir Francis Drake Blvd. New members drop-in at 7:45 pm, gen'l mtgs 8-9:30 pm. Info: Jeff 457-3523.
East Bay Men: Get together for various social events—dinners, cinemas, etc. Couples & singles welcome. Non-sexual. Info: PO Box 866, El Cerrito, 94530 or call (510) 466-0455.
Social Group for Bay Area professional & business men. Meet for dining out, cinemas & other social events. Alternative to the bars. Non-sexual. Write PO Box 1397, El Cerrito, 94530 or call (510) 527-9244.
Fat Fridays: Schmoozing at Cafe Commons, 3161 Mission St, SF. 1st & 3rd Fridays. All fat dykes and fat queer womyn welcome! Info: Susan (510) 658-3300.

► SPIRITUALITY

Shabbat Services with Sha'ar Zahav, Jewish lesbian/gay congregation. Every Fri at 8:15 pm & last Saturday of each month, 10:30 am. 220 Danvers (upper Market), SF. 861-6932.
Temple Israel of Alameda: A caring & inclusive congregation, everyone is welcome. Fri services at 8 pm. Family Service 1st Fri of the month at 7:30 pm. 1st & 3rd Sat of month: 10 am study, 11 am Minyan. 3183 Mecartney Rd, Alameda. Info: Kathy or Joyce (510) 653-8494.
Jewish Lesbians, bisexual women & friends meet to celebrate Shabbat, 1st Fri of each month, alternating btwn SF & EB locations. Join us for letting go of the week & your work, bringing in Shabbat with song, food, schmoozing & Jewish culture. Please wear no scents. Info: 821-4009.
Nishmat Shalom: An Eastbay feminist minyan. Semi-traditional havura, first Sat of each month at 10 am. Services followed by vegetarian potluck. Women, men, gay, straight, bi welcome. Call (510) 559-9759 for details.
Gay Buddhist Fraternity: For gay men who practice any form of the Buddhadharma, or who are interested in practicing. Meet 2nd & 4th Sun of each month in a beautiful SF meeting place for meditation, discussion & interaction. Additional group events & retreats held occasionally. Beginners welcome! For info write: The Gay Buddhist Fraternity, PO Box 1788, Sausalito, CA 94966. Please include your phone number.
Zen in the Castro: Hartford Street Zen Center is a Zen Buddhist temple & AIDS hospice. Join us. Learn Zazen, Zen meditation. Info/appt: 861-6779.
Sunday's Women gather to explore the Goddess Movement, network with other spiritual women. Guest speakers. 3rd Sun of each month, Montclair Women's Club, 1650 Mountain Blvd, Oakl. $7-10 donation. Spons by Women's Spirituality Forum. Call the Goddess Hotline, (510) 444-7724, for info on current & upcoming events.
Women's Circle Network: If you are in a women's circle & would like to connect with a community of women's circles contact Emerald at 2124 Kittredge #11, Berkeley 94704. Call (510) 652-6355.
Spiritual Company, a non-sectarian meditation & discussion group meets twice monthly to share the peace, strength, hope & love that our chosen paths have brought us. Call 647-9609 or write 95 Corwin St #2, SF 94114.
St Marks Lutheran Church Communion: Sun, 9 & 11 am, 1111 O'Farrell at Gough, SF. Info: 928-7770.
Gay Men's Radical Faery Circle comes together every Thurs night at 8 pm. Bring instruments & energy! Info/location: 626-3369.
St Paul's Lutheran Church: worship & Eucharist, Sun, 10 am. 1658 Excelsior Ave, Oakl (just off I-580). Info: 530-6333.
Acceptance: Baptist Bible Study & support group meets Wednesdays, 7:30 pm. Location varies. Everyone is welcome. For info: 843-9705, 626-5034.
American Baptists Concerned: a supportive community of gay/lesbian Baptists & friends. Meets at 5 pm the first Sun of each month for fellowship and a potluck. Everyone is welcome! Also publishes quarterly newsletter, *Voice of the Turtle.* To join mailing list send $10 to ABC, 872 Erie St, Oakl 94610. For mtg & group info: (510) 465-8652.
Lakeshore Avenue Baptist Church (American Baptist) is an inclusive church welcoming & affirming gay men & lesbians. Worship 10 am Sun at 3534 Lakeshore Ave & Mandana, Oakland. Gay/lesbian group, American Baptists Concerned, meets the first Sun of each month. For more info call (510) 893-2484.
Bethany United Methodist Church: Caring & inclusive congregation, every person is welcome. Church reaches out to the lesbian & gay community. Sun worship at 11 am. 1268 Sanchez St at Clipper, SF. Info: 647-8393.
Montclair Presbyterian Church welcomes gay & lesbian people to worship & join in the church's many social justice & support programs. Worship service uses inclusive language. 10 am worship, 10 am church school & nursery for children. 5101 Thornhill Drive, Oakl. Info: Rev Chuck McClain or Rev Cindy Crowner, (510) 339-1131.
Seventh Ave Presbyterian Church: Inclusive community; gay, lesbian & straight, all ages. Come join, you're welcome! Sun worship at 10:30 am. 1329 7th Ave, SF. Info: 664-2543.
St John's Presbyterian Church: An inclusive "More Light" congregation in south Berkeley, nr the University campus, welcomes & affirms gay men & lesbians. Services 10 am Sun at 2727 College Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 845-6830.
Alameda First Congregational Church holds that all people are equally loved & accepted. You are welcome to Sun services at 10:30 am, 1912 Central Ave, Alameda. Info: (510) 522-6012.
Lutherans Concerned/SF: for lesbian & gay Lutherans, their friends & families. Meets 1st Sun of each month, St Francis Lutheran Church, 152 Church St nr Market, SF. 5:30 pm. All welcome. Info: 956-2069.
Christian Women's Support Group meets 4th Sat of each month Inclusive language eucharist, potluck, fellowship. Info: Kris Wagner 534-5546, Bonita Palmer 647-8390.
Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) of SF: Sun worship services: 9 am, 11 am & 7 pm. AIDS ministry (see AIDS Resources), women's & men's groups, children's programming & educational series. Rev Jim Mitulski, pastor. 150 Eureka St, SF. Info: 863-4434.
Golden Gate MCC Sun worship services: 12:45 & 7 pm; 11 am bible study. 1600 Clay St, SF. Rev Buddy Trulock, pastor. Lesbian & gay Christians welcome all to enjoy nourishing worship & fellowship of Jesus Christ. Info: 567-9080.
New Life MCC Sun worship service: 1823 9th St at Hearst, Berkeley. 12:30 pm. Potluck every 3rd Sun. All welcome! Rev Barry Wichman, pastor. Leslie Addison, clergy intern. WA. Info: (510) 843-9355.
MCC of San Lorenzo meets at Christ Lutheran Church, 100 Hacienda St at Hathaway, San Lorenzo. Services Sun at 6 pm. Interim pastor: Rev Michael England. Info: (510) 481-9720.
Diablo Valley MCC Sun worship service, 10 am, 2253 Concord Blvd, Concord. Wed worship, 7 pm, followed by lay ministry courses at 8:15 pm. Info: (510) 827-2960.
New Hope! MCC of Santa Rosa meets 11:30 am at 3632 Airway Dr, Santa Rosa. All lifestyles welcome! Pastor Bob Cunningham. Info: (707) 526-HOPE.
Russian River MCC Sun worship service: Noon, 14520 Armstrong Woods Rd, Guerneville. Info: Rev Linda Laster (707) 869-0552.
Evangelicals Concerned-SF Bay Area: Local chapters in SF, Eastbay, San Jose, of national pro-lesbian/gay Christian organization. Weekly discussion/Bible study groups, social activities & retreats. Be affirmed of both your sexuality & spirituality. Call Andrea (510) 370-0545 or Jeff (415) 621-ECWR (3297) for details.
Agape Full Gospel Fellowship: Ministry for all communities. Promotes spiritual, mental, physical & social wholeness thru Jesus Christ. Sunday worship service at 6:30 pm at 50 Belcher, SF. Thurs bible study at 7:30 pm, call for location. Info: Pastor Mike Arbuckle 921-3207 or Deacon Joel Daniels 864-3868.
St Michael's Ecumenical Catholic Church: Pro-gay, independent denomination. Sun services at 10 am, 21956 Russian River Ave, Villa Grande. Info: Bishop Mark Shirilau (707) 865-0119.
Open Arms Community Church meets Sun at 7 pm at Faith Lutheran Church, 4930 Newanga. A non-denominational Christian Church for all lifestyles. Rev John Torres, pastor. Info: (707) 526-2133.
Trinity Episcopal Church: traditional liturgy with liberal theology. Inclusive urban parish. Sunday Choral Eucharist, 11 am. 1668 Bush St nr Gough, SF. Rev Robert Cromey, rector. Info: 775-1117.
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St John the Evangelist Church. Christian fellowship in strong liturgical tradition. Welcomes gays & lesbians. Daily Eucharist. Grief support, quiet prayer, Bible study, inclusive women's group. Sun service 11 am. 1661 15th St, SF, near BART station. Info: Julian 861-1436.
Integrity SBA: Gay & lesbian Episcopalians & friends, local chapter of an international organization, co-spons lively discussions every Thurs eves, 7-9:30 pm at the Parsonage, 555A Castro St, SF. Info: 552-2909.
The Parsonage, an Episcopalian ministry at 555 A Castro St, SF, advocates justice for lesbian/gay people, and witnesses to the godliness of gay/lesbian love. Together with Integrity, the assoc of gay/lesbian Episcopalians, the group sponsors programs every Thurs eve at 7 pm. Call 552-2909 for program details, further info.
Integrity/El Camino Real: Episcopal gay & lesbian ministry meets at churches from Palo Alto to Monterey on the 3rd Sun of each month. 5:30 pm service, potluck at 6:15 pm, program & discussion at 7 pm. Jim: (415) 493-1253 or Russ (408) 294-2026.
Affirmation: Gay & lesbian Mormons. Social/support group for Latter-Day Saints, their families & friends. Wkly mtgs. Sun at 5:30 pm, MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. Info: 641-4554.
Unitarian Universalists for Lesbian & Gay Concerns of the First Unitarian Church of SF (UULGC/SF) meets 2nd Sun of every month at 12:15 pm, First Unitarian Church, 1187 Franklin St, SF. Spons variety of events & social functions for lesbians, gay men, bisexuals & friends. The Unitarian Universalist Church provides union services for lesbian & gay partners, has a significant number of openly gay clergy & a long history of support for lesbian/gay individuals & groups.
Dignity/SF: Faith community of lesbian, gay & bisexual Roman Catholics & friends. Inclusive-language Mass every Sun at 5:30 pm at Dolores Street Church, 100 208 Dolores St at 15th, SF. Call 255-9244 for more info.
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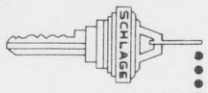

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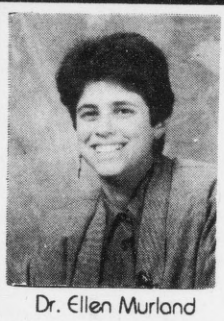

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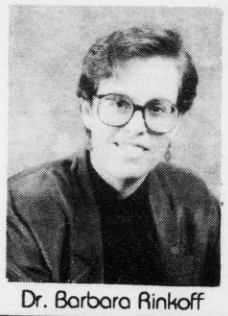

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gay & lesbian Catholics, spons by Dignity/SF, meets every 7:30 pm every 2nd Fri of the month for prayer at Dolores Street Church, 15th & Dolores, SF. Dignidad/SF Catolicos gay y lesbiana de habla hispana se reunen para apoyo y oraciones el segundo viernes de cada mes 7:30 pm en Dolores St Church 16 y Dolores. Info: Jaime 252-7623.

Most Holy Redeemer Roman Catholic Church, 100 Diamond St (18th & Diamond, in the Castro), SF. Masses: Sat 5 pm; Sun 7:30 & 10 am. Weekdays 8 am & 5:30 pm. Outreach to lesbians & gay men, AIDS support group. All welcome. Info: 863-6259.

Avatar Meher Baba: gay & lesbian followers present meetings, discussion groups, social events. Info: Larry 441-7008.

Noe Valley Ministry: An inclusive community. Worship service: 10 am Sun. 1021 Sanchez St, SF. Info: 282-2317.

Peace United Church: Liberal Protestant church; small & caring community, creative worship gatherings. Sensitive to social & political justice issues. Two lesbian ministers. Worship service Sun at 7 pm at 424 Monte Vista Ave (corner of Oakland Ave), Oakland. Info: (510) 486-0625. Childcare provided. Wheelchair Accessible.

GLAD Alliance (Gays, Lesbians & Affirming Disciples) of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) meets the 3rd Sun of each month, 4-7 pm at University Christian Church, 2401 LeConte Ave, Berkeley. Info: Bill (510) 644-1823 or (510) 652-6036.

The Church of Amron, a metaphysical ministry, holds solstice services, healing circles, classes on yoga, metaphysics, channeling, ritual, affirmations, shaman drumming, & much more. 2254 Van Ness Ave at Vallejo, SF. For info call 775-0227.

First Congregational Church, United Church of Christ. Post & Mason Sts, SF. An open & affirming church that began ordaining gays in 1972. Services: 9 & 11 am, adult education at 9:45 am. Outstanding music program. Close to public transit, parking at Sutter/Stockton garage. Info: 392-7461.

World Peace/Inner Peace: Intro talks on the transcendental meditation program. Wed 8 pm at 347 Dolores St, SF. Room 231. Free. Also group meditations for practitioners, Wed at 5:30 pm.

Tayu Center, a Fourth Way spiritual school directed by Robert Daniel Ennis, a modern spiritual adept. Study group meets every Tues eve at 8 pm, at Hartford Street Zen Center, 57 Hartford St, SF. Includes co-meditation (2-person), reading & discussion of Fourth Way material. Info: (707) 829-9579.

Emerge!, healing journal of Emergence, Int'l, an organization of Christian Scientists supporting lesbians & gay men. For subs/info: PO Box 581, Kentfield, CA 94914 or call 485-1881.

First Church of Religious Science of Oakland's lesbian & gay family meets monthly to celebrate "our powerful lifestyle & consciousness and to expand our understanding of the practical techniques and the empowering teachings of our philosophy... free of dogma or judgements." Info: Robert 832-7120.

Gay Religious Science Practitioner in final stage of formal training offers free scientific mind treatments in loving & non-dogmatic context. Call Robert Lokahi 832-7120.

Unity Religious Science Center: An educational outreach ministry serving the lesbian & gay community. Classes & credentials offered for licensed practitioners & ordained ministers. Write 405 El Camino Real, Ste 330, Menlo Park, CA 94025.

Spiritual Arts Church of Religious Science: Sun, 5 pm at Notre Dame Plaza, 347 Delores St, SF. Room 201. CC available during services. Office Hrs: Mon, Wed & Fri, 9 am-noon at 347 Dolores St, SF. Room 213. Info: 255-8460.

California Miracles Ctr: Well-established course in Miracles ministry in the Upper Market/Castro neighborhood. Sun morning service at 11 am. Principles of Healing Study Group meets every Sun morning at 9:30 am. Classes in ACIM meet at various times throughout the week, with two outreach classes now meeting in Oakland. 2269 Market St, SF. Info: 621-2556.

Marin Course in Miracles Group meets Tues 7-9:30 pm to discuss how the Course works in our lives. For location & other info call Bob 456-1108.

Aquarian Foundation: Church dedicated to God, individual rights, psychical research & spiritual miracles. Sun worship service at 11 am, spiritual psychic readings demonstrated. Spiritual healing services Wed at 8 pm. 2250 Taraval St, SF. Info: Rev Jann Werner 661-3622.

Gay Clergy Support Group for professed clergy. Socialize & network/exchange with other gay religious & clergy who believe in their unique calling as gays in the Church. Info: 584-1034.

Astrology Playshop: From beginning to intermediate. Personal charts, current events & humor. Meets 1st & 3rd Sun of each month at 3 pm. Everyone welcome. Call David (510) 845-5034 or Chandra (510) 559-8355.

► SPORTS

Berkeley & Eastbay Athletes interested in becoming involved with the group coordinating the Eastbay's effort for the 1994 Gay Games in New York: Contact Chris (510) 654-9719 for details.

SF Frontrunners Social running & walking club for lesbians, gays & bisexuals, & their friends. All levels welcome. Regular wkly runs: Sat 9 am, Stow Lake Boathouse, Golden Gate Park; 1 mi. walk or 1-5 mi. runs, no-host brunch follows; Tues 6:30 pm, Ferry Bldg (under clock tower), up to 5 mi. flat run along Embarcadero; Thurs 6:30 pm, McLaren Lodge, Golden Gate Park, 3.5 mi. run; Sun 9 am, variable location runs. Info: Mike 206-9312.

Eastbay Frontrunners Club sponsors noncompetitive runs in various Eastbay locations. Runs begin at 9:30 am, and are followed by brunch. Info: Roz (510) 939-3579 or Greg (510) 865-6792.

Baylands Frontrunners: For Peninsula & Southbay runners & walkers. Men & women welcome. Meets every Sat at 9 am, at the Baylands Athletic Center, Geng Road, off Embarcadero, east of 101, Palo Alto; and every Wed at 6 pm at Rancho San Antonio, Cupertino. For info call Linda (408) 245-5083 or Jay (415) 858-2800.

SF Hiking Club: join us for day trips, backpacking & social activities. See calendar listing for this month's schedule. For more info write: SF Hiking Club, PO Box 14065, SF 94114 or call 826-3489 eves.

Different Spokes/SF: Bicycling group for Bay Area gays & lesbians interested in non-competitive cycling, both on road bikes & mountain bikes. Several trips each month, plus regular 40-mile ride each Sun at 10 am, leaving from McLaren Lodge, Golden Gate Park, SF. For schedule/newsletter call 282-1647 or write PO Box 14711, SF CA 94114.

Marin Hike & Bike Club for Gay & Bi Men: Enjoy the company of other athletic guys in a positive, non-toxic outdoor environment. Informal club gathers for hikes, bike rides, camping trips, as well as purely social events. No membership fees. For info call 721-4299.

Gay/Lesbian Sierrans: escape the madness of the city, explore & appreciate the beautiful outdoors. GLS presents 1-3 hikes each week; plus monthly program on 3rd Tues of each month, 7:30 pm, Nat'l Sierra Club, Polk St at Ellis, SF. For SIGN, call TDD (510) 653-6127. For info & free sample newsletter: 653-5012 (24-hrs).

Gay/Lesbian Sierrans Loma Prieta (Southbay) Chapter: 2448 Watson Court, Palo Alto, 94303. Call (408) 229-1234 for info.

0**Wilderness Women** explore the great outdoors. Hikes, nature study, camping, ski trips & more. All adventures shared with friendly women. $5/yr. Calendar/newsletter. Write 5329 Manila Ave, Oakl, 94618. Info: (510) 658-2196.

Golden Gate Wrestling Club holds Olympic Freestyle Wrestling practices twice weekly. All weights, skill levels & ages welcome. Large facility, accessible to public transit. Info: Gene 821-2991.

SF Wrestling Club: all forms & wrestling styles; all ages, weights & experience levels welcome. Call (510) 538-8490 or (415) 821-9721 for details.

Motorcycle Club for Black gay women. For info write: 1724 Sacramento St #6, SF 94109.

Pegasus Motorcyle Club for gay, Bay Area men: Explore Calif backroads & points of interest. Monthly 1 or 2-day runs. For info/details call Jay/SF, (415) 861-2872, Ed/Eastbay (510) 531-5243 or Allen/Marin (415) 389-0905. Also check Main Calendar.

Dyke Diver offers a newsletter for dykes who scuba dive. Send SASE to Dyke Diver, PO Box 460096, SF CA 94146 for info/details.

Northern Calif Rainbow Divers, Gay & Lesbian Diving Club. North coast dives, certification classes, social events & warm water dives. For info send SASE to Sea Snakes, 291 Geary St, Ste 619A, SF, 94102-1863 or call 431-1340.

Swimming: SF Tsunami Gay & Lesbian Masters Club invites swimmers of all ages, races, genders & abilities to enjoy the benefits of competitive and non-competitive swimming. Meets, lake swims, parties, int'l gay aquatic events, preps for the '94 Gay Games. Coached workouts wkends & wknights. Call 467-4705 ext 4 for times, locations, & other info.

Gay/Lesbian Sailing on the Bay, for fun & relaxation. Call Bruce 626-2026 for details.

Premier Soccer: Premier lesbian players interested in playing hard & pretty, call 835-1095.

Women's Soccer Team: Has members on both sides of the Bay, more members are welcome! Lesbians & friends encouraged to join. Call SF: (415) 641-8771 or EB: (510) 547-3675.

Women's Soccer Team welcomes experienced players, especially goalies. Info: (510) 523-5373 or (415) 647-3205.

Men's Soccer Team, SF Spikes, practices Tues 5:30-dark at Beach Chalet. Games on Saturdays. For details call Carlo 821-4248.

Women's Field Hockey League: Only women's field hockey group in the Bay Area. Sunday games. Call 431-2720.

SF Women's FLAG Football League: Games at Golden Gate Park Polo Field, Sun 9:30 am-3 pm. Info: 584-6496.

Stonewall Climbers: Gay & lesbian rockclimbing group. To join us on one of our trips, call 327-5329 or 648-3059.

Gay Tennis Federation: A lesbian & gay tennis club. All playing levels welcome. Write: GTF, 2215-R, Market St #109, SF CA 94114 or call 550-1820.

SF Women's Judo Club: Open to all women 12 yrs of age & older. Come & observe classes. Schedule: Tues & Thurs 6-8 pm, Sat 11 am-1 pm. 1622 Castro & 26th St, SF. Info: 821-0303 BEFORE 10 pm.

Ronin Dojo Karate School for Women offers instruction in Keno Karate, with emphasis on self-defense by experienced black belt women. Beginners welcome. Info: 695-0735.

Aikido Arts Center: For women, men, kids. Special beginners classes. Mornings & evenings. Info: 861-6044.

PAWMA (Pacific Assoc of Women Martial Artists) promotes martial arts training for women in an atmosphere of mutual respect & trust. Provides info on schools, classes, seminars, workshops, performances & more. Call 664-7034 or write PAWMA, PO Box 12861, Berkeley 94701-12861 for info.

Eastbay Lesbian Bowlers: All skill levels welcome. Call (510) 653-4135 for info.

BICEPS (Bodybuilders Into Competition, Education & Physique). Steroid-free bodybuilding for men & women. All levels & ages welcome. For upcoming events info call 267-1864 or write PO Box 410053 SF 94141.

Lesbian & Gay Frisbee Team: Meets Sat 11 am-1 pm in Golden Gate Park, SF. Beginners welcome! Call Claire Siverson 285-0936 or Walter Parsley 824-6558 for location & other info.

Outdoor Activities Group: Meet for biking,hiking, camping, boating, etc. Dogs welcome! Info/details: Jo Ann 986-4507.

Rollerblade Club for beginners on the Peninsula. Call Elena 592-7183.

East Bay Gay/Bi Sports Players soical group: Competitive, but for fun only. No regular attendance or commitment required. Choice of softball, volleyball, tennis, basketball, football or other sports. All levels welcome. Suggestions welcome. Info: 769-7583.

► SUPPORT GROUPS

Losing A Best Friend: free pet loss support group spons by the SF SPCA for people who have lost an animal companion. Led by Dr Betty Carmack, the group helps pet owners work thru feelings of loss, anger & depression. 7:30-9 pm, 1st Mon of each month at the SF SPCA, 2500 16th St, SF. Info/res: 554-3000.

Overcoming Violent Behavior Anonymous: SF group, see Incest & Battery.

Women's Cancer Support Groups: spons by Women's Cancer Resource Ctr, see Health.

Lesbian Adoptees: open group discussing issues around search, reunion, depression, anger, abandonment, identity, etc. Meets every other Sun in SF. Info: Amy 923-1454.

Adoptees, Birth Parents & Adoptive Parents support groups meet throughout the Bay Area. For info/locations: Post Adoption Center for Education & Research (PACER) 935-6622.

Palo Alto Lesbian Rap Group: discussion group for all lesbians. Meet Thurs 7:30 pm at the Palo Alto YWCA, 4161 Alma (just north of San Antonio), Palo Alto. Different topics each week, see Main Calendar for details. Info: Marilyn 969-1260.

Graves' Disease (hyperthyroid) Support Groups in SF & the East Bay: Call Susan (510) 540-8640 for info. In Santa Cruz, call Deborah (408) 479-0559.

Women with Chronic Illnesses, disabilities, pain & hidden disabilities support group: Leaderless & egalitarian, emphasis on honesty, humor, listening. Share resources, problems, challenges,

fears with others who understand. Mtg every other Wed in SF. Free. Call Leigh 285-8535.

Lesbians w/mild MS: Informal support group meets monthly. For info & location, call Blue (510) 658-2477 or Ilene (415) 221-2361.

Headache Support Group meets twice a month in SF. For info call Judy 459-5839.

Support Group for Women who want to leave the sex industry meets Tues 4-5:30 pm. Drop-in center open Tues noon-4 pm. 942 Market St #307. Spons by Women Emerging. Info: 982-3365.

Women's Coming Out Group: open to women of all ages, drop-in. Choose topics, make friends. 6 pm Wed at Pacific Ctr (newcomers come at 5:45 pm to meet facilitator). 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: 841-6224.

Slightly Older Lesbian Support Group for lesbians over 30. Rap group meets 7:30 pm Thurs at Pacific Ctr, 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Long-running group. Info: 841-6224 or 548-8283 (leave message for SOL).

Leaderless Support Group for women who are thirtyish: Monday nights in SF. Call Linda 863-4605 (eves) for details.

Leaderless Support Group for Lesbians Over 40: Diverse, ongoing group welcomes new members. This is not a coming out or therapy group. Meets Mon eves, 7-9, in SF. Info: Barbara 552-9271 or Eugenia 431-6996.

Career Support Group for Midlife lesbians who are unemployed, changing carers, newly employed or underemployed. 8-wk groups facilitated by Lloyda French, MS, spons by Options for Women Over Forty. Mon 6-8 pm, low fee. Info: 431-6405.

Personal Support Group for Midlife Lesbians, spons by Options for Women Over 40. Facilitated by Lee Bowman, LCSW. Focus on personal issues: midlife transition, sex, relationships, health, aging, change. 8-wk groups. Wed 6:30-8 pm, low fee. Info: Options 431-6405.

Support Group for Lesbians 45 & Older: Focus on issues of our age group. Info: Ruth Gabriel 864-2565.

Support Group for Battered Lesbians, spons by WOMAN, Inc—see Incest & Battery.

Lesbian MidLife Support Group meets once a month on Sun night, free. Discuss menopause, self-image, health issues, older workers, body image, new lifestyles & financial planning. Info/location: 922-7690.

Working Class Lesbian Support Group: Group uses writing as a medium for sharing. No writing experience necessary. Meets wkly. Free. Info/location: (510) 534-9928.

Men's Support Group for straight men whose wives/lovers are coming out. Marin location. Free. Call Jon Seirup, PhD 898-1468 for info.

Spouses of Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual Persons Support Group meets 4th Tues of each month at St John's Presbyterian Church, College Ave at Garber, Berkeley. 7:30 pm. Info: Amity Buxton (510) 525-0200.

Reluctant Partners Group: Is your partner pregnant, planning to get pregnant, or already has children? Is is not your chosen lifestyle? Discuss issues, get mutual support. Call Marjorie 587-7210.

Lesbian Couples Group: Support/social group for lesbians. Meets Fri 7:30 pm at Pacific Center, 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 540-6746 or (510) 548-8283.

Foreskin Restoration Group for men wanting to overcome the mutilation of circumcision & restore our birthright. Technical & moral support mtgs 1st Sun of each month, 1-3 pm at MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. Spons by RECAP. Info: Wayne (510) 827-4077.

Lesbian & Gay Survivors of Suicide: Support group for lesbians & gay men who have lost someone they loved to suicide. Info: Karen (510) 841-6553.

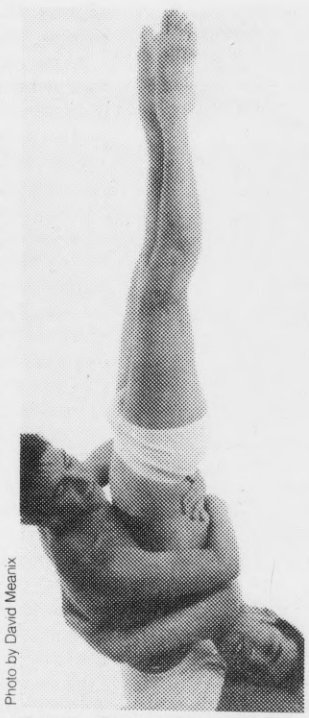
Fasting Support Group for Gay/Bi people. Meets weekly in San Mateo. Free. New fasters are welcome! Call Richard 573-8124 for info/location.

For More Listings in the support group category, see *SF Bay Times'* classifieds in the "Open Exchange" therapy/support group section, under **"relationship therapy"**, **"recovery addiction"**, and **"incest/battery therapy."**

► THERAPY GROUPS

Women's Institute for Mental Health: low-fee individual, couples & grou therapy. SL starts at $15. Groups for women abused as children. Info: 864-2364. 333 Valencia St, SF, Ste 222.

Disabled Lesbian Group for women with physical disabilities, hidden disabilities, chronic illness & chronic pain. Wed & Thurs at Operation Concern. WA, SL. Info: 626-7000 voice/tty.



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Arturo Fernandez and Ney Fonseca perform "Juntos Dance" at Theatre Artaud, Oct. 2 & 3.

Gay Men's Disabled Group: are you a gay man with a physical/hidden disability? Isolated & in need of support/therapy? Call 626-7000 v/tty. Group held at Operation Concern, 1853 Market St, SF.

McAuley Neuropsychiatric Institute at St Mary's Hospital & Med Ctr in SF offers a number of psychotherapy groups (eating disorders, incest survivors, single parents, women, etc) for individuals & couples. Wkly mtgs, SL fee. For info or to register: Helga Justman, LCSW 750-5603.

Berkeley Free Clinic peer counseling collective provides counseling for individuals & couples, also provides mediations. Info: (510) 548-2570.

Men—Have You Abused Your Lover? Feeling ashamed, afraid or angry about having been violent with the man you love most? MOVE offers help for gay & bisexual men who batter. See Incest & Battery section for details.

Lesbian Counseling Group offered by Family Service Agency of San Mateo: Focus on helping lesbians explore life issues in a safe, supportive setting. Meets Mon 6-7:30 pm at the agency offices, 1870 El Camino Real, Burlingame. Info/reg: 692-0555.

12-Wk Process Groups for Gay Men. Explore issues of intimacy, trust & communication. Spons by Operation Concern. Call Jill 626-7000.

For Additional Listings in the **Therapy** category see *Bay Times'* classifieds section, "Open Exchange", under the **"counseling"**, **"relationship"**, **"recovery addiction"** and **"incest/battery"** therapy headings.

► TRANSGENDER GROUPS

Transvestites & Transsexuals rap group (women & men): 1st and 3rd Wed and last Fri monthly, 8 pm, Pacific Ctr, Berkeley. Info: 841-6224.

TV/TS & Friends Transgender Group meets 8 pm, last Thurs of each month. SF location. Info: (510) 549-2665 or write ETVC, PO Box 426486, SF CA 94142. We're very active & friendly folks, call us!

Female-to-Male Crossdressers & Transsexuals Only Group. Newsletter & quarterly get-togethers. Info: FTM, 5337 College Ave #142, Oakl, CA 94618

Flikker Network: Int'l network by, for & about female-to-gay male and female-to-bisexual male transsexuals. For more info write to Flikker Network, c/o R.K. #634, PO Box 410-990, SF CA 94141-0990.

SF Gender Information: provides referrals & networking for transsexuals & other gender community members—see Hotlines & Referrals.

Can We Talk? Transgender Support Group at the Tenderloin AIDS Center. See AIDS Resources for details.

Female to Male Pre-op Transsexual Survival/Support Group for FTMs of color only: Biweekly mtgs. Friendly, warm & open to gay, bi & straight pre-op FTMs of color. Contact RK, #634, PO Box 410-990, SF 94141-0990. attn FPSG.

Living Full Time: Support Group for anyone living full time in the gender opposite that of birth. To attend, you must be living full-time. Group meets 3 Fri a month at Pacific Center, Berkeley. Info: (510) 841-6224.

► YOUTH

LYRIC (Lavender Youth Recreation & Information Center) offers social/recreational activities for lesbian, gay & bisexual youth, 23 and under. Offices located in the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF. 2nd floor. Info: 703-6150.

Under 21: Peer-led support group for gay, bisexual & questioning young men. For mtg times, location & other info call Mark or Alphonso at LYRIC 252-6059.

QYA (Queer Youth Alliance): Gay, lesbian, bisexual & transgender youth center. 24-hr hotline. Daily events, HIV-positive groups. For queer youth 25 yrs of age or younger. Call 750-3225.

BAY (Bay Area Youth) Positives Group for young people with HIV. See AIDS Resources for details.

California Runaway Hotline provides services to young people who need help, want someone to talk to, or want to send a message to their parents. See Hotlines & Referrals.

Rainbow's End: Lesbian/Gay Youth Group. Open to ages 14-21. Thurs eves, drop-in 5:30 pm, group 6-7:30 pm. 1000 Sir Francis Drake, room 12, San Anselmo, Marin. Info: 457-3523.

Sexual Identity Forum for Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual Youth—and youth exploring sexual identity. Open to ages 21 & under. Meet every Wed night, 7:30-9 pm at the Community Living Room, 28 W. 37th Ave, San Mateo. Drop by & make new friends! Info: 572-0535.

BASMYN (Bay Area Sexual Minority Youth Network) offers a variety of services for bisexal, lesbian, gay, transgender & questioning youth. A "by & for youth" organization. Discretion assured if requested. All letters answered. Free. Write: BASMYN, PO Box 460268, SF 94146-0268.

LYFE (Lambda Youth & Family Empowerment) for lesbian, gay, bisexual & questioning young people. Provides support groups, leadership program, writing & performance classes and social activities. Info: 565-7681. Spons by Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services.

Support Group for Young Women of Color: lesbians, bisexual & questioning, ages 23 & under. Meets Fri, 7-9 pm at Lyon- Martin Women's Health Services, 1748 Market St at Valencia, SF. Ste 201. Info: LYFE 565-7681 or LYRIC 703-6150.

Ongoing theater writing class for lesbian, gay, bisexual & questioning young people of color, under 21. Wed 4-6:30 pm. Taught by Chicana lesbian writer/playwright Cherrie Moraga, writer-in-residence with Brava! For Women in the Arts. 2180 Bryant St, SF. Info/reg: Lambda Youth & Family Empowerment (LYFE) Program: 565-7681.

GALTIP (Gay & Lesbian Teen Intervention Program). For teens in the San Mateo area who are gay, lesbian, bisexual or questioning and want a positive & supportive place to explore individual or family concerns. Info: Josefa 342-5216. GALTIP is a program of Project FOCYS & the Peninsula Family YMCA.

12-Week Process Group for lesbian, gay & bisexual young people, 17-21. Place to explore trust, self-image, relationships, coming out & other issues in a small, safe & confidential group setting. Info: Josefa 342-5216. Spons by GALTIP of Project FOCYS & the Peninsula Family YMCA.

Diamond Street Youth Shelter: Shelter for homeless kids in SF, part of SF Youth Network. 70 percent lesbian & gay staff. Open 9:45 pm-9 am. Offers shelter, meals, crisis counseling & referrals. Free. 536 Central Ave btwn Hayes & Grove, SF. Bus lines: 21 Hayes or 5 Fulton. Open to youth ages 13-17. No referral necessary to receive services. Call 567-1020 for info.

Lesbian Youth: Ongoing rap/support group meets every Wed evening, 6-8 pm at the Brick Hut Cafe, Berkeley. Free. Info: (510) 548-6074.

Young women's rap group for lesbian, bisexual & questioning women 23 & under meets Mon 7-9 pm at the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St at Valencia, SF. 3rd floor. Info: LYRIC 703-6150.

Young men's rap group for gay, bisexual, transgender & questioning men 23 & under meets Fri 7-9 pm at MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St at 18th, SF. Info: LYRIC 703-6150.

Gay Youth Community Coalition of the Bay Area: Provides advocacy, educational services, peer counseling, networking & technical assistance to sexual minority youth and youth projects. For details call 386-4297 or write PO Box 846, SF 94101-0846.

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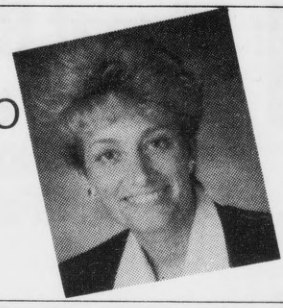

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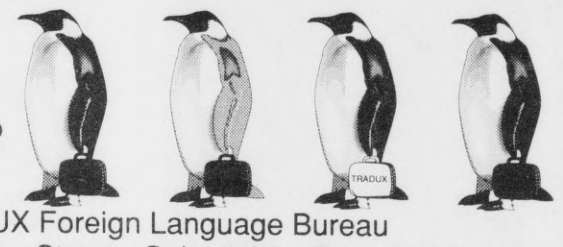

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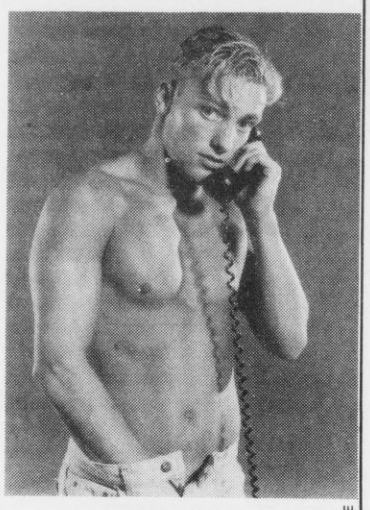

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Great Buns '93

Calendar Contest For Godfather Service Fund

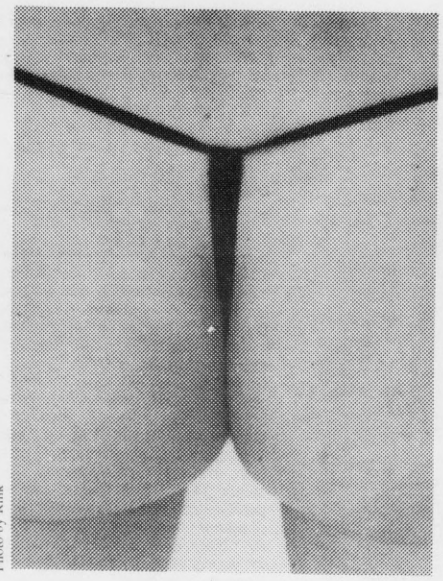
by Tom W. Kelly

News of another fundraiser (aka, excuse to exhibit flesh and garner money for another skin calendar) reached my ever-vigilant, self-righteous ears. But really! A buns contest? "What exploitation," I instantly surmised. Is the sanctity of the gay male community's gluteal muscles now collectively being violated by the insidious lusts of the ever-randy, uh, gay male community?

Publicity stated that winners from the series of 12 contests will later be photographed and featured in the Great Buns '93 Calendar, with proceeds benefiting the Godfather Service Fund. "Oh, sure," I sniffed. "Any excuse for a Dionysian romp of naked man-flesh." But in all fairness, I screwed my courage to the sticking point, disguised my intrepid journalist self, and paid the Watering Hole Saloon a little visit. Strictly research, I reiterate.

I filled out my entry form/questionnaire with all the wit I could muster. The bar staff cheerfully took the proffered paperwork and wished me luck. Hmm, what bare-bottomed indignities was I thrusting myself into? I tossed down a quick beer and mingled about, slightly curious about the, uh, character profiles of the other contestants.

Already seated near the stage were two gorgeous young men in their early 20s with incredible bodies, shown to advantage by the microtia they were wearing. Humph—I was certain that any self-respecting judge wouldn't be so



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easily swayed by mere physical perfection. Not that I wanted to win, I was just doing research. Twenty-two-year-old bitches! I suppose I wasn't the only one impressed with the qualifications of these two studs. Partially completed questionnaires were heard ripping throughout the bar. Hmmm....

At 9:30, Hank, the host, took center stage and called the bar patrons to attention. He introduced the three judges and started the contest with, you guessed it, 22-year-old #1... a gymnast. Wouldn't you know? Wearing a particularly revealing little nothing (slightly larger than a strand of dental floss), this guy did a split that raised the eyebrows of the judges to points unseen in their hairlines. I could do splits like that... if someone called an ambulance first.

Next contestant? Yes, 22-year-old #2... a bodybuilder. This smooth, well-spoken stud intelligently parried questions while simultaneously flexing his mountains of man-muscles. His rock-hard butt was classically chiseled and hot enough to fry an egg on. But, hey, muscles and stage presence aren't everything.

Before I knew it, it was my turn. Admitting my masochistic tendencies, I jumped up on stage wearing jeans and my black tee. At 36 years of age, I can compete against any two perfect 22-year-olds. I've got suppleness I haven't even used yet. Hell, I'll put my butt up against theirs anytime. Hmmm....

As the crowd of men peered at me, I peered back at them, bright lights blinding me. Judging by the gleaming eyes of the audience, the competition wasn't the only stiff thing in this crowd. All the black leather and tightly stretched denim. All those handsome men leering at me all alone on stage, practically naked. I... I... LOVED IT!!! It took all my will power to refrain from waving my butt at them all, singing, "Another opening, another show!"

Hank, the host, asked me questions based on my answers to the questionnaire. The three judges took turns ferreting out information with their probing questions. It wasn't until several minutes into the grilling that I demanded the right to take off my pants. And then I whipped off the pair of skin-tight shorts I wore beneath. I kept the jockstrap on. After all, I have my modesty, though I did claim that my butt could convert a hunk of charcoal into a stack of diamonds.

Before I knew it, Hank and the judges were done with me. I grabbed my clothes off the pool table where they'd landed, and jumped back into the audience. Okay, I wasn't showered with free drinks by horny, handsome millionaire hunks, but I did meet a lot of nice guys. And my butt never got cold, what with all those friendly men patting it. What consideration.

The other contestants flew by as I breathlessly anticipated the judges' decision. Their deliberations took so long, we all conjectured about what exactly was going on in that back room... and how could one get invited? But finally Hank again took center stage and made the big announcement. I was very happy for the first-place tie between the 22-year-old scene stealers.

So what if I didn't win? So what if my impregnable rear gate (letters to the editor are not welcome on that subject) won't be immortalized in the Great Buns '93 Calendar? So what?! I did get second place and I had a terrific time. It felt therapeutically good to do something for and with my community.

So, come on down, guys. Get over to the Watering Hole Saloon and yank down those jeans. It's for a good cause, and that includes the Godfather Service Fund.

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Bomb: The greatest band in the world?

All You Need is "Hate Fed Love"

Friday night at the Kennel Club marked the record release party for Bomb, local rock animal heroes who have been signed to a major label, a situation due them on the basis of talent and sheer undiluted rock spirit alone, yet one that I almost never thought I'd witness due to the overtly celebrated fact that Bomb has reigned supreme as the bad boys of rock for six or seven years locally. People do grow and change over time, but Bomb is a group that never will seem primed for music biz manicuring or marketing manipulations. Theirs is a history rich with shocking onstage antics, dabblings on the dark side of urban life (drugs, jailbait sex, sexual ambiguity, etc.) worn proudly on their sleeves, the willingness to strip naked at all times, and enough incredible anecdotes about touring the United States and Europe to send most industry A&R men screaming for a nice Wilson-Phillips wannabe group to discover and support with no fear that onstage penetration will ever come up as an issue.

BOMB GOES BIG TIME

Hate Fed Love is the name of Bomb's new disc, which is dedicated to all the whores in the world. The band's consistently maturing musical capabilities must be what attracted big-time record engineer Bill Laswell to happily produce Bomb's first big-time release on a major label. *Hate Fed Love* has an atmospheric quality that suits the musical density of the band and comes as a welcome change to the production of Butch Vig (Nirvana, L7), whose crispy guitar sounds dominate the grooves of most efforts by bands considered to be "the next big thing" in the world of alternative rock 'n' roll. I think Bomb is the greatest band in the world, so of course I think they're the next big thing.

Friday night found me quite beside myself with excitement anticipating the first live show by Bomb in what seemed like a long time, but a small cloud hung over my mood when I learned that hardly any queers I knew were attending the show. Upon arrival I saw that hardly any queers were there at all, not even the ones who go to Bomb shows with earplugs in and fingers crossed, lisping over and over to themselves, "Oh, please let them take their clothes off tonight. Oh, please...." I assessed that most queers were in their usual Friday haunts listening and dancing to music that makes me feel drugged, or that they were at the 7th on Sale fashion benefit craning their necks to spot a supermodel or a good deal on a designer article of clothing, predictably oversized and loose-fitting to comfortably accommodate the hallucino-baked techno-raver in action. What a beautiful event, love, love, love, one party love nation, the music is "on fire!"—snap. Take two hits if you're on steroids, girl. Whatever. UNLEASH THE SCENE! UNLEASH YOUR BRAIN! I tried to talk a few pals into seeing Bomb that night for a change of pace and because I knew they'd love it, that's all. They raved instead and hated it while I ran out of adjectives trying to describe what a visceral, titillating rock show they missed. All I'm really saying here is try catching a live show sometime, preferably a rock show, just for a change of pace. It's no scarier than combining Ecstasy, LSD and Crystal Meth at timed intervals all identified by one cute house/rave name like CandyFlip or Euphoria and dancing like a prisoner of the music for eight to ten hours or until dirty. One can also rock early and rave later in most cases, so please rock. This is what happened when I did.

MIKEY'S LOST LOVES

Michael Dean, vocalist and bassist of Bomb, was wearing a simple white slip with a purple scarf tied around his blond tresses and he looked a great deal like Stevie Nicks. He held a garbage bag full of something and announced that he had free gifts for us, enough for everyone in class. "I cleaned my closet of papers and magazines and old love letters from people who don't love me anymore and here it is," and began to distribute it among the crowd. It was fun reading a letter or two, most of them about heroin. The band crashed into my favorite cut from *Hate Fed Love,* called "All My References Are Dead." Michael lost his Stevie scarf as soon as he started bouncing around like Angus Young of AC/DC.

As always I could tell immediately that this set would be better than their last and possibly their best. There was something louder and bolder about them, a solid band that torched furiously with Doug and Jay's guitar interplay, the results of which paid out in perfectly timed double hardness. Their adeptness also shed some clarity on the simple fact that many Bomb songs, specifically from the new disc, boast rather intricate arrangements which fell into place perfectly but better... harder. They looked happy.

Michael did a brief rant between songs about how pissed off he was that people he knows who do heroin have been overdosing and dying a lot and if you're going to do heroin, know how to do CPR and don't be afraid of being busted by calling 911 when someone has overdosed. They then broke into another new song from the album called "Hot Bloody Hearts," a slow, plodding dirge with lots of guitar metal melancholia and a brooding thunderous low-end bass and the opening lyric, "I don't want to die." The emotional journey ends on the final lyric, "With you I feel alive/ I'm gonna fuck you and never never never never die." Rather nice thought. On the disc this song is followed by a magnificent cover of the Leonard Cohen song, "Suzanne."

The crowd at the Kennel was a healthy size but not the sold-out madness that I had envisioned. I spotted the other three queers in the crowd and we eventually were banded together in front of the stage while a retardo-rama slam pit of no worth erupted in sporadic machismo-induced personal attacks by big guys on smaller guyers. There was no concerted or unified pit feeling, just a bunch of wanks annoying people. At one point Michael Dean dove into the crowd, facilitating great joy for one of the gay dudes whose face was smeared with the length of Mikey's bare body, leaving his taste behind. He commented, "I read that Michael Dean doesn't wash very often, but he tasted clean to me." Bonus points for personal hygiene. Prior to this, some jerk in the crowd kept screaming, "Fuck you" to Michael, who eventually responded with, "If you don't stop saying 'fuck you,' I'm gonna come down and fuck you, sir." Extra flourish on the "sir."

SATAN'S CHEERLEADERS

Drummer Tony Fag was apparently beating the shit out of his drums as usual, because his kit had to be tended to for repairs twice. He's a maniac on drums, the best example of out-of-body drumming ever. Other high points included a taut and scary version of "The Devil Is Us," a real no-hidden-satanic-message-here type song. Repetitive in its simple message, this admission heralds an alliance or vow that could use renewal and recognition. After all, isn't rock the devil's music? Another song from the new record, "Made to Fire," was presented so vehemently that it may be my new favorite off of *Hate Fed Love.* Michael's vocals are edgy and tense and faintly tinged with the high-pitched wail of a fighting cat in progress. I like songs about guns. I also like all of the songs on Bomb's debut for the big time, *Hate Fed Love.* I highly recommend immediate purchase for all.

The show drew to a close with a disturbing older song that features Michael screaming "mommy" at the top of his lungs over a slow, brooding instrumental rumble. It was sort of reminiscent of John Lennon's song, "Mother" from the *Plastic Ono Band* LP, but where Lennon gets really depressing, Michael just seems to get scarier. He's a vocalist of incredible strength.

After the show I went to the home of the three queers I met and due to the closeness of our ages the host had a record collection with all my trashy metal faves from high school, so we played weird oldies till 4 am. We heard Alice Cooper, Abba, Heart, Cheap Trick, Led Zeppelin, Patti Smith, Van Halen, more Heart, X-Ray Spex, etc. We learned that Led Zeppelin's song, "Achilles' Last Stand," and Heart's "Barracuda" are practically the same song. Then Robin Zander, voice of the group Cheap Trick, whispered and moaned the line, "Would you like to go to heaven tonight?" I had to wonder if the music would be as good there. Probably not. They probably play house techno/rave like everywhere else.

Note: It was recently brought to my attention that, shall we say, my artistic embellishment in storytelling has possibly produced a discrepancy in my column of a few issues back called "The Ministry of Margret." It apparently caused one reader a notable amount of duress. I officially apologize for any real or perceived inaccuracies which may have offended this or any other reader.

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Joan Armatrading: Hordes of the faithful still flock to her shows.

JOAN ARMATRADING Berkeley Community Theatre, Sept. 9

"Her sleeve is really bothering me," said the woman behind me. Yes, Miss Armatrading had a little fashion lapse, but there was little else standing in the way of unadulterated love and affection between her and her audience at this show. Armatrading's 15th record, *Square the Circle*, may not be a blockbuster, and she may not get airplay, but the faithful flock to her shows and they bring their friends. This was my first time, and I was very much in the minority in being more familiar with the latest album than the older material.

Armatrading was backed up by a five-piece band, which, alas, was suffering from Ferron syndrome (strong women singer-songwriters done in by all-male bands that think they're the main attraction). The players frequently drowned out her vocals with their bombast, and the electric guitarist was the most guilty party, apt to spring into a flashy solo that jarred the intimate tone Armatrading was trying to set. In a word: overkill.

Armatrading worked around these difficulties, swaying to the beat or standing off to the side while the band members soloed. The audience favorites were clearly older numbers like "Show Some Emotion," "Love and Affection," and the climactic "Willow," all sing-alongs. But, Armatrading also worked in many of the songs from her latest A&M release, *Square the Circle*.

The record treads familiar territory: untrue lovers, breakups, happy love affairs and the like. "True Love" is a poppy, self-explanatory song. "Crazy" sounds very '70s disco, with Joan singing very unconvincingly, "Let me hold you in my arms, hug your breath away, let's get down to business." On "Sometimes I Don't Wanna Go Home," she stands up to an abusive lover and asks, "Is this love?" "Weak Woman" is a clunker, with Joan playing damsel in distress, a ploy that just doesn't fit her. Trolling for dyke references is a pretty grim exercise, that's for sure, but the album has its moments.

"I wonder if you'll still like me when you hear the title of this song," she asked us. "It's called 'If Women Ruled the World.' " Of course, most of this crowd erupted in shrieks, but that hasn't been the case elsewhere. Incredibly, this song has been called anti-male—obviously by people who haven't heard the words. If anything, the song bends over backwards to praise men. "Wrapped in my man's arms at the end of the day...I love how you love me...Make me feel that women rule the world." Pretty tame stuff (and way het, too).

Now to the sleeve question. Armatrading's left shirt sleeve was dangling from her jacket, hence the comment of the woman above. This was also visible in her appearance on *The Tonight Show*, so Joan wasn't just having a bad wardrobe day. No, doggone it, she was making a statement, the meaning of which escapes me.

SOPHIE B. HAWKINS Slim's, Sept. 15

The first thing I ever heard about this singer was that she considers herself omnisexual. A recent review of her show said she goes down on her backup singer's codpiece. Then there was the band's appearance on *The Tonight Show*, highlights of which were backup singer Adele Bertei's Silence Equals Death T-shirt and Hawkins' rambling discourse on changing her sex. What to make of all this?

There were no codpieces in sight at Hawkins' show at Slim's on Sept. 15, and in truth they weren't missed. No, instead we got a little dominance and submission, some simulated sex, a bit of mild S/M, and one aborted lesbian come-on. I'd rate it an R-17 show.

Let's back up a little. Hawkins' release, *Tongues and Tails*, has been out for several months and spawned a number-one single, marking her as an up-and-comer. By the sounds of it, the Slim's crowd was well-acquainted with not just the hit, but all the songs on the record. I was less impressed at first listen, but after repeated playings, it grew on me. Hawkins writes her own material and has a gift for inspired weirdness, mixing in religious references, sexual fantasies, even children's stories. The music is a hybrid of jazz-flavored pop, progressive rock, and dance grooves. Her voice sounds like Madonna in her more nasal and whiny incarnations, but is used to good effect on songs like "Live and Let Love," which includes the inspirational line, "These walls are high, but I was born to climb."

Hawkins and Co. played almost all the songs on the record, and she gave them a good workout in the show. Strobe lights added to the intensity of "Listen," and on "Don't Stop Swaying" Hawkins pulled a guitar through her legs and simulated masturbation. "We Are One Body" was a highlight without any special effects, especially the ambiguous chorus: "We are one body, one spirit... one God, one sex."

My eye was repeatedly drawn to Bertei and the bass player, who looked strangely familiar—if not someone I knew, then someone I *should* know. Afterward, the mystery was revealed: she was none other than Gail Ann Dorsey, who released an album called *The Corporate World* a few years ago. She told me she will release another solo record in January, but is playing with her friend Sophie until then. Looking very uncorporate with her shaved head and streetsmart duds, Dorsey provided both backing vocals and a very funky bass to anchor Hawkins' vocal wanderings.

Dorsey also took part in *one* of the evening's theatrical moments, which ran like this. During an encore of "Gimme Shelter," Hawkins exchanged a sizzling look with Dorsey, who knelt in front of her. Hawkins slowly undid her belt from her waist and swung it. THWACK! Both Dorsey and Bertei were in the line of fire, but she didn't actually hit them—just made them jump a little. Nothing like a little simulated S/M to pick up a show, eh?

People were less weirded out by that, though, than by the very brief if-you-blinked-you-missed-it lesbian content when, apropos of nothing, Bertei turned to Hawkins between songs and asked, "I was just wondering if you would kiss me." My ears perked up, but Hawkins launched into "Saviour Child," which she explained was dedicated to a woman who takes in babies with AIDS.

She returned to the theme of AIDS with the last song, "All the Young Dudes," which she dedicated to people who've died from the disease, and which, she took care to qualify, includes women too. Or as she put it, "Dudes is a womanly thing, 'cause I'm a big one myself." Curiouser and curiouser.

ENDNOTES...

Hordes of women were turned away from performances of *Overlapping Clothes* spread over two weekends. The dancing was enjoyable, but I found the audience a bit stuffy. I wanted to laugh a few times at funny parts, but stifled it, since no one else did. Everyone finally loosened up a bit in response to the exuberance of the final piece, allowing themselves to chuckle and guffaw at some of the more broad gestures. I did wonder at some of the costumes—flaming orange dresses that made these bold, brave lesbians look like hausfraus.

Upcoming Shows: Deidre McCalla and Toshi Reagon play the Great American Music Hall on Oct. 4 at 7. Shakespeare's Sister hits Slim's Oct. 6. Margaret Cho teams up with Scott Capurro and Lisa Geduldig for a night of lesbian and gay comedy at La Pena on Oct. 8.

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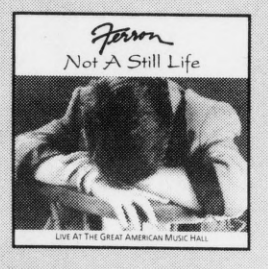

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SF Opera's Boris Godunov

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Bass James Morris, pictured with the SF Chorus, sings the title role of Mussorgsky's "Boris Gudunov."

If the sparkle and glitter of the SF Opera's opening night this year was reserved for a not particularly remarkable new production of *Tosca*, it was quite obviously the curtain at *Boris Godunov* which propelled the fall season forward at full steam. To be fair, soprano Maria Guleghina as Floria Tosca did a truly beautiful "Vissi d'arte" in her SF debut, despite her incomprehensible Italian. Unfortunately, tenor Sergei Larin's Cavaradossi did the opposite, and saved his most beautiful, rich and booming high notes for places in Puccini's score other than "Recondita armonia" and "E lucevan le stelle." Fortunately, one can always depend on baritone Juan Pons—who sang Scarpia—for a good performance in anything he does.

Unlike *Tosca*, *Boris Godunov* is an opera—more specifically, a musical drama—in which vocal lyricism should for the most part take a back seat to other production values, which is not to say that the singing was bad. It is my personal feeling that in work such as *Boris*, singing should not "intrude" into the drama, as it often does in Wagner operas, or as it nearly always does in Puccini. While not as monumental in scope as last year's production of Prokofiev's *War and Peace*, Mussorgsky's epic about the ill-fated Russian Tsar received a proper and solid delivery at the War Memorial, in the hands of a capable, mostly American cast. Whoever made the casting decisions for this production in San Francisco (imported from the Kirov Opera and created by the late Andrei Tarkovsky) did an excellent job at recruiting singing actors.

Based on Aleksander Pushkin's tragedy of the same name, *Boris Godunov* is the tale of a man suffering from a crisis of conscience because of his illegitimate rule. Pushkin's play carries the assumption that Boris came to power as a result of his involvement in the death of Dimitri, Ivan the Terrible's son. Some years into Boris' reign, Grigory, a renegade monk, appears and claims to be Dimitri, that he had survived the murder attempt. This pretender Dimitri gains the support of kings, popes and nobles, and is eager to take back the empire from Boris Godunov. As Dimitri comes to reclaim the throne, the guilt-ridden Boris dies before ever facing him.

Boris Godunov as a drama provides aficionados of Russian history a full-course meal. Just as the score of *Boris* (after multiple revisions and reworkings by Mussorgsky and others—most notably Rimsky-Korsakov and Shostakovich—due to extraneous factors) is clouded by uncertainty over the composer's intent, modern historical research seems to refute previously held ideas about the figure of Tsar Boris Godunov, who ruled from 1598-1605. According to historian Malcolm Mosher, Jr., there is evidence which indicates that Boris was a rather enlightened ruler, with clear socialist tendencies compared to his contemporaries in Russia and elsewhere in Europe, and there is even a question as to whether he was actually involved in the death of Dimitri. During his rule he minimized indentured servitude, redistributed lands from the aristocracy to a working middle class, and his power only began to crumble when he lost the support of an alienated aristocracy.

For nearly four centuries, during the Romanov dynasty (which came to power after the Godunov dynasty fell), the sanctioned official story villainized Boris as an evil ruler of insatiable lust for power, despite evidence that he enjoyed widespread popular support at the time. The Romanovs ruled Russia until the 20th century, which encompassed both Mussorgsky's and Pushkin's lifetimes. Yet, even though the assumption that Godunov's illegitimate rule is definite and unquestioned in Mussorgsky's libretto (he concoted it himself), James Morris' portrayal of Boris, as he is consumed by guilt, makes him seem worthy of benevolence and piety.

If the integrity of the work is to be preserved, *Boris Godunov* cannot be considered a vehicle for opera stars, with the possible exception of the title role, which actually made a star of Fyodor Chaliapin. Whether purposefully or not, some of the singers in secondary and character roles—there are 19 principals in this opera—did not have necessarily what one might hear as pleasant vocal qualities. Yet still, these singers seemed extremely well-suited for these supporting parts precisely because more varied textural contrasts and character-singing were called for. In the title role, his first Boris in the Russian language, bass James Morris' dramatic interpretations were intensely delivered, and his reading of the difficult soliloquy which closes the long first act is certainly worth waiting two hours for. Marina, the "beautiful, but cold" (I found her rather bitchy, actually) Polish princess, was portrayed by mezzosoprano Susan Quittmeyer, who along with tenor Mark Baker as Grigory (the pretender Dimitri), seemed to be well-suited actors for their parts. Particularly intriguing was the character of Rangoni, sung by baritone Sergei Leiferkus, a scheming Jesuit who coerces the Princess Marina to seduce Grigory for the good of the Catholic Church, so that when Russia is conquered, all the heathen Russians will be turned to Catholicism.

The wonderful score for the large chorus numbers was brilliantly performed by the SF Opera Chorus. The Opera's own new resident music director, Donald Runnicles, led a tight, balanced reading of the Shostakovich revision of the score, which, for an opera orchestra hidden in the pit, was surprisingly revealing of orchestral textures. Though no opera production that lasts for four hours and fifteen minutes ever seems like it could not have been shortened here and there, when the end did come, I actually wished it could have gone on.

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By Bill Finkle

Hong Kong in SF

It's good to be adventurous. It cleanses the soul, excites the spirit and awakens the senses. And it's so easy to be adventurous when so many others are doing the same thing. I had a bit of excitement the other night when I stepped into Yuet Lee, a seemingly typical Chinese restaurant on the corner of Stockton and Broadway streets. There were steaming plates of cut-up lobster in an intriguing brown sauce, people lined up outside waiting for a table in the somewhat small dining room, and busy cooks fixed at their woks, stir frying and mixing and plating. The hefty man behind the counter, Tim, finished plates with an easy flourish of cilantro sprigs or sliced green onions, and passed dishes on to the waiters, who practically ran to the tables carrying the steaming food.

My companions and I eyed each other, anticipating a taste of this home-style cuisine and wondering how long the rock fish had been in their lackluster state in the tanks up in front. The lobsters and catfish seemed much happier and moved about, in rhythm to the pace of ladles tapping the steel woks.

Seated, we decided on **Tsing Tao** and **Yen Sum** beers, the first being traditional with Chinese food, the second—a brew of ginseng, darker and more sour than other beers—the perfect foil for the highly flavored dishes we had ordered. Bright green walls, rows of hanging duck, Chinese sausages and "tamales," and a wall of tall windows caught our attention in each direction. Even the unadorned fluorescent lights and oolong tea served in plastic water glasses, my friend James-the-Hong-Kong-expert told me, are a most authentic touch.

Yuet Lee is a bit of Hong Kong in San Francisco. Owned by the Hong Kong family of Yuet (the father's first name) and Lee (the mother's last name) for the last 17 years, the "seafood and noodle shop" is a formula in success. Along the back wall, shrines to Buddha pay homage and assure good luck in business, while in the kitchen a triad of cooks assures good taste on the plate, with fully stocked pans of everything from clams to black beans to ginger root.

Another great thing about Yuet Lee is the style of service: you order and seconds later the food starts coming. By the time you've finished your soup, the entire table has been laid with everything you've ordered. First to arrive to the table was the **Roast Duck Wonton Soup** ($7.60 for four), a smooth combination of plump shrimp wontons and chunks of tender, greaseless roast duck meat in a star anise-flavored broth. Next came **Braised Noodles with Ginger and Onions** ($2.75), which has since become my favorite dish, composed of thin wheat noodles in a brilliant tangy sauce laced with a heavy dose of ginger and sprinkled with scallions. Our server brought a dish of soy-pepper sauce, cautioning us, "The sauce is mild, the peppers are hot."

A plate of **Sauteed Scallops** ($14) paired whole, fresh sea scallops with button and black mushrooms, bamboo shoots, carrots and green onions in a light, clean-tasting sauce. A variety of clay pot dishes include **Sizzling Chicken**, **Salted Fish with Diced Chicken and Bean Cake**, and **Braised Cat Fish with Black Bean and Roast Pork** ($6.50), a slightly oily stew with sliced ginger and whole garlic cloves intensifying the anise-scented chunks of fresh fish and pork.

Lightened by sprigs of cilantro, the clay pot will fill you up, and with a dish of **Steamed Rice** ($.60) is a real value. A mound of **Sauteed Clams with Pepper and Black Bean Sauce** ($8) come in their shells, in a salty, pungent sauce tasting of the sea.

Far and above other renditions of calamari reigns the **Pepper and Salt Roast Fresh Squids** ($9), a version that first deep-fries the squids in a secret batter, then tosses them in a wok with diced green chili pepper. Served alongside sliced lemons and more of that soy-pepper sauce, this grease-free dish can't be beat for crunch or flavor, with a hot undercurrent that builds as you fiendishly devour piece after piece.

There's no need to season the food at the table, as in so many other restaurants: the chili oil, vinegar and soy sauce sit untouched on most of the tables. There's many regular customers here, who enviously eye each other's food as they pass on the way to their table.

Serving until three in the morning, Yuet Lee has seen a lot of San Francisco come and go in its 17 years of business. And the largely Chinese clientele stands by its favorite homestyle restaurant. But one thing remains for the less adventurous among us: you can enjoy feeling slightly reckless when ordering something unusual here, but still be safe in the knowledge that it's going to taste great.

Photo by Jane Philomen Cleland

Chef Yip, assuring good taste on the plate at Yuet Lee restaurant.

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Around Town...

I had a wonderful brunch one Sunday at **Zazie**, 941 Cole St., which occupies a bright, attractive space with yellow walls and sun-drenched tables, and a comfortable deck in the rear. A line forms on weekend mornings to enjoy first-rate coffee, fresh squeezed o.j. and globally done eggs (Mexican, Greek, Italian, "Merkin"), which are served quickly and graciously. More substantial, Mediterranean-style offerings can be had, and the homemade Parisian desserts sound terrific. Zazie also serves lunch daily and dinner Thursday-Sunday, featuring a Provencal fish soup, pastas, fresh fish, and a different country dish every two weeks, be it Paella or Lamb Chops.

I've never understood the appeal of the **Port Deli**, 3499 16th at Sanchez. After all, the place itself is nothing, dingy even, and prices seem high for the super-simple, un-elegant food. The menu is completely unpretentious, carrying old favorites and standard sandwiches—that in itself is appealing enough. I just don't get why there's often a crowd. I admit to enjoying a grilled cheese there occasionally, and the lox & bagel is great, but I don't like to pay the $6.50 price tag. Service can be scattered, but is usually cordial.

Across town, **Yoshida-Ya**, 2909 Webster at Union, has been serving San Franciscans for 14 years, with just about the best Japanese food I've ever had. The house of Yoshida is a yakitori restaurant, specializing in skewered vegetables (shiitake, eggplant), meats and seafood warmed at the table over cute little hibachis. But chefs here make an excellent California roll, and a spicy version of tuna sushi hot enough to make your eyes water even without the wasabe. Tempura here is light and greaseless, and both chicken and beef teriyaki succulent and tender. Almost the best part about Yoshida-Ya, though, is the atmosphere—shoes removed, diners sit at low tables with their legs comfortably tucked into the space below. Lighting is soft and you can carry on a conversation without raising your voice— nice for a City dining spot.

Can it be almost two years since the Alta Plaza closed? I guess so, since that's about how long the **Fillmore Grill**, 2301 Fillmore at Clay, has been open. Five or six restaurateurs still own this two-roomed, wide-open bar and restaurant, and even though much of the initial thronging bar crowd has migrated to the Blue Light, an air of stability remains. Now the Grill kitchen, led by Stars alumnus Darry Huntsman, serves lunch, and does a fine job, with Californiaesque appetizers, salads (a terrific if anchovy-less Caesar for only $4.75), pastas, fish and hearty burgers. Here's an airy, bright space to enjoy a lunch in, and stay for the evening's antics in the bar, if you wish.

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Sarafina! The Movie

Reviewed by Vivienne Louise

Sarafina! the motion picture adaptation of the Tony award-winning musical from Azania (the African name for South Africa), left me with mixed emotions. My first reaction was that it didn't present like any African movie I had ever seen. In fact, it appeared quite Western, which was disappointing. However, as it progressed, some of its qualities brought me back to the African-based familiarity I expected.

Although I had never seen the play *Sarafina!* I knew that something vital was missing from the movie. The power and grandeur conveyed by the reviews was just not present. One friend told me she could see how *Sarafina!* would not translate well from play to movie. The play's structure—a series of short vignettes with dancing and singing in between—wouldn't work for a movie, because movies need a story line. To compensate for this lack of a linear thread, but trying to keep in tune with the spirit of the original *Sarafina!* the writers created a choppy, almost disjointed plot. The camera jumped around to scenes that had no clarifying preamble. Without a background understanding of the situation in Azania, I would have been totally confused; and even with one, I still experienced a degree of bafflement.

In an effort to tangibly define the African quality I missed, I went back and reviewed a couple of movies from Azania: *Rhythms of Resistance* (1979) and *Mapantsula* (1989-90). From these I became clear about some of the rituals of resistance in Azania, the most powerful being singing and dancing. In the 1950s, an ANC activist was arrested for "inciting the people to sing." In *Mapantsula*, the authorities were angered into abuse by the freedom fighters' powerful songs. In *Rhythms of Resistance*, the men in the cities dressed in traditional warrior garb and enacted the Zulu war dances in the street, away from white eyes. Clearly, what is seen as an art form in the West, to be viewed and enjoyed from a distance, is seen as vital in an Azanian context. Singing and dancing is central to the spiritual strength that supports the people in their struggle, a vital chord of soul connectedness.

Singing and dancing were used in a ritualistic way in the play *Sarafina!* Vignettes opened and closed ceremoniously with a song or a song/dance. In the movie *Sarafina!* the music was most often wasted as background, not central to the storytelling. But when the movie did spotlight singing and dancing, the scene proved distracting by some inconsistent element.

For example, the opening musical piece was The Lord's Prayer, featuring dance steps right out of a Broadway show. In fact, all of the dance numbers were rooted in Broadway, bearing no resemblance to any of the movements of Azanian performers today, nor in any way similar to diverse tribal African dancing I've seen over the last 15 years. In short, it was distracting, jarring and inconsistent with what I have come to expect in films from Mother Africa. This distortion aided the confusion by dismembering the cultural continuity of song and dance as ritual.

On the up side, Leleti Khumalo was excellent in her role as Sarafina! She delivered a high-spirited, believable performance as a teenager trying to define her role in the present chaos of her homeland. Her bright eyes of inspiration coupled with a straight back of determination infused the screen with power as she moved toward an understanding of the irrational oppression.

Whoopi Goldberg stars as Mary, a revolutionary South African schoolteacher in "Sarafina!"

Miriam Makeba (Angelina) was also very compelling as Sarafina's mother, a domestic for an Afrikaner family. Makeba managed to be Mama Africa, even as she strode around in a maid's uniform conveying "yes mams" when necessary. The cooperative relationship between Angelina and Sarafina reflects those same relationships all over the world between eldest daughter, who takes care of the house and the little ones, and working mother, who supervises from afar. It is a common scenario in the everyday lives of many women, and one played quite convincingly by Makeba and Khumalo.

As a staunch Whoopi Goldberg fan, I was disheartened to see her play her role as Mary, the revolutionary teacher, with such ineptness. Every time Whoopi appeared on screen, I found myself wishing they had used an Azanian actor. No matter how much African ancestry Whoopi has, she is still very American, and that American vibe screamed throughout the movie. Whoopi appeared as an outsider, failing to persuade me that she had anything to do with the situation. But then she can't help being American, and she didn't write the script—which handed her a poorly written role to work with; both of these components were key to the failure of her characterization.

The Afrikaners, on the other hand, were quite convincing. They were portrayed as monstrous beings, sadistic and bloodthirsty. This depiction encourages unabashed hatred along with fear. Because no justice was ever meted out to them for their genocidal acts, I left the theater angry.

In two of the scenes, Afrikaner soldiers repeatedly fired into a crowd of children who were, of course, unarmed. Some of the most vocal, radical children were killed, with the stark visual imagery of their blood spurting toward the camera. Sarafina undergoes a rigorous interrogation in which she is force-fed lies and twisted concoctions, and finally tortured in an electric contraption. All of these scenes and many more present the contemporary Afrikaner as the modern day Nazi: simply evil.

In contrast to the single dimension of Afrikaners, the Azanians were quite diverse. The roles included a police chief, spy informant, a domestic worker, a radical teacher, revolutionary children and ordinary children just trying to get along. It is significant that there was not one single positive Azanian adult male in the whole film. The principal and male teachers were clearly following the Afrikaner dictum, teaching European history. Only Mary dares to teach an Azanian historical perspective.

Some aspects of the movie did put me in mind of African films I have viewed over the years. One such area was when the children told of their particular tortures at the hands of the Afrikaners. These vignettes held me spellbound as these innocents described the various forms of terrorization. Another poignant scene involved a night march with candles; the only thing visible was the glow of the candles against the night sky. The music in this scene was very authentic, as it wasn't overshadowed by inappropriate gyrations or dialogue. And the third component that was clearly not Western was the fact that the dancers were all much larger than the wafer-thin dancers in this country. I appreciated this variety in sizes and shapes as a manifestation of a different body concept—one more accepting of all body sizes. How refreshing!

The final scene was the most perplexing of all. All during the movie Sarafina talks (in her mind) to Nelson Mandela. She tells him of her dreams and fears, hopes and wishes. At school, Sarafina suggests the school children do a play in which Nelson Mandela walks free from jail. One of the school boys states that he will play Mandela, but Sarafina insists the role belongs to her. When the boy is eventually killed by the Afrikaners, Sarafina dons a man's suit and sings and dances.

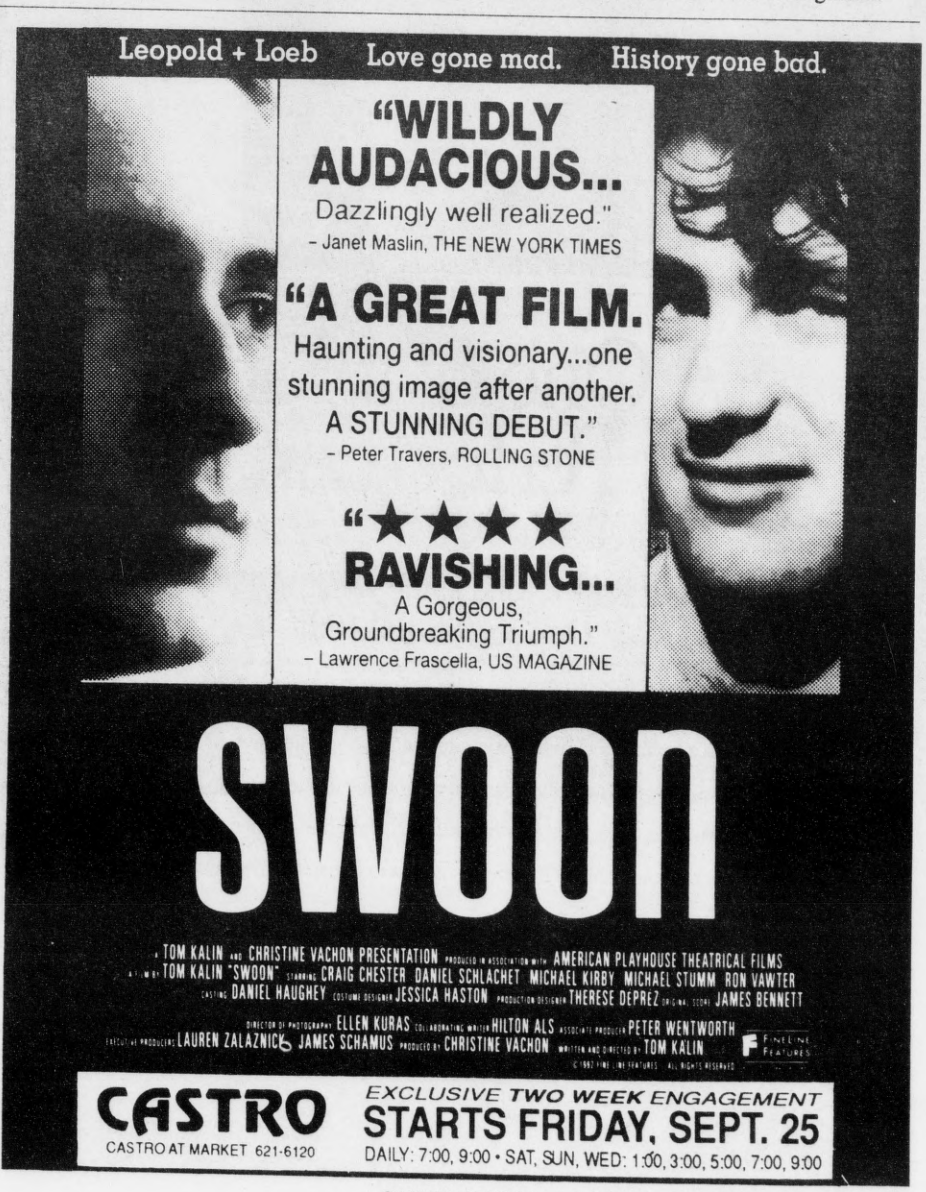
I truly didn't know what to make of this scene. Was she just playing a part by donning the suit? If so, is it customary in Azanian society for roles in the theater to be non-gender specific? How would the average Azanian view this depiction?

Being caught in African-American culture, I found it very difficult to find a resting place with this last scene. Women wearing men's clothes in this society, no matter whether in the street or in the theater, can often carry a lesbian message. But what does cross-dressing mean in Azania? I don't have the answer to this question and therefore remain baffled.

So instead of *Sarafina!* the movie, ending on a triumphant note, it ended on a bizarre chord. Although there was mild applause at the end, I sensed a state of bewilderment/disappointment in the largely African-American crowd. I didn't hear anyone say it was wonderful, great or fantastic, as I have often heard when the audience is pleased. We simply filed out in silence, each alone with his or her thoughts.

As a 41-year-old African American, I remember when we were not depicted in the media at all. I remember running to every single Sidney Poitier film because there literally was nothing else. The joy I derived then from seeing people of African descent on the screen remains with me today. Consequently, even through my confusion, I felt very empowered by simply seeing these earth-colored faces fill the screen. I still remember the deprivation of my childhood and take portrayals of African-descended people in the media as a treasured experience—even when I thoroughly dislike the movie. This perspective softened me a bit toward *Sarafina!*

I also appreciate that movies are accessible to many more people than a theater production. In light of this reality, *Sarafina!* is important. It honors these children and brings their story to many more people than a time-restricted play could. So, although I can't wholeheartedly recommend it, I can't completely dismiss it either. It is the first and only movie about the resistance fighting of the children of Azania. For that reason alone it deserves attention and recognition.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By Gene Price

Dixie McCall's Patterns for Living

Hon, I can't tell you how anxious I was to catch Dixie McCall's lounge act at that nice Athens by Night on Valencia. I'd heard about Dixie for years. Who hasn't? The man on the phone said to get there early, so my two friends and I headed out there right from the office—well, we stopped for a couple of cocktails on the way—and we were comfortably ensconced in our nice leather bar chairs by 7:30. Hon, the bar was practically deserted. Everybody was having Greek dinners back in the dining room.

So we had another cocktail. Well, I don't know who decorated the place, but it kind of reminded me of a hunting lodge. I was facing a warthog mounted on the wall and there were a couple of deer heads over my shoulder. To my left was a veritable rock garden with water trickling down, and here and there were baskets of wax roses. No question about it, they *do* last longer. I'd never seen so many bottles over a bar. Made us thirsty.

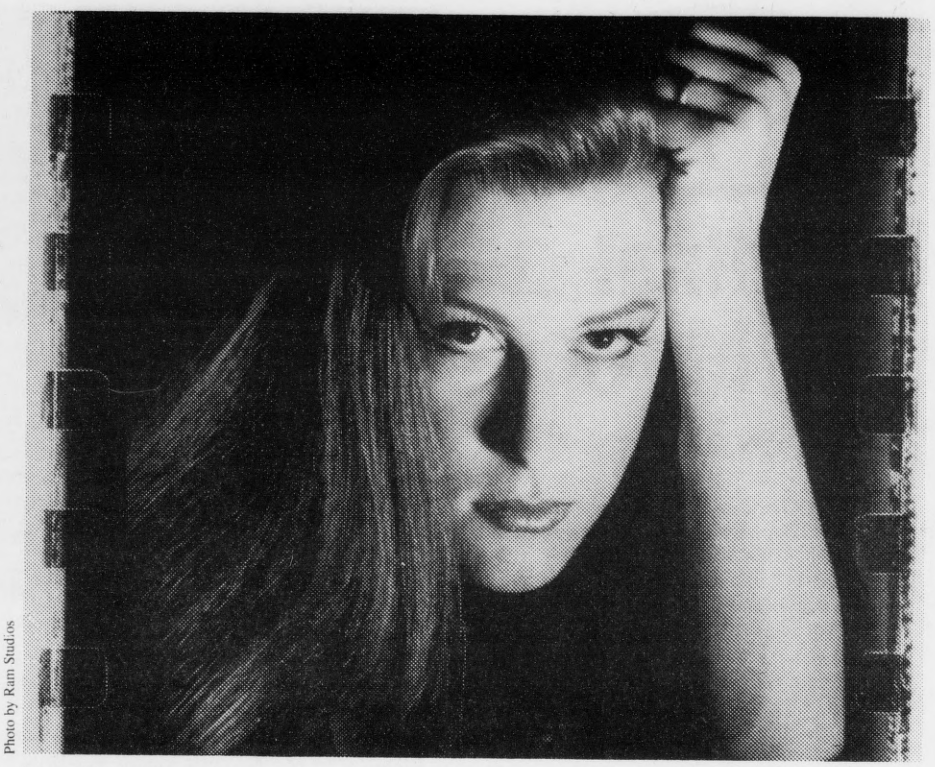
You know that awful feeling, hon, when you've spent $45 for a theater ticket downtown and then someone steps out before the curtain and says so-and-so is sick tonight and Miss Somebody-You-Never-Heard-Of will be singing the lead. That's just what happened! Except at Dixie's show, she just charges $8.

Sharp as a tack, at 9:30—by which time the room was so crowded the cocktail waitress just gave up—this very elegant person stepped on stage with a piled high blond hairdo and wearing a gorgeous black satin gown trimmed in hot pink, looking very much like a '50s Dior (but not so bouffant).

The person who stepped on stage was ingratiating, I'll say that. She told us she was going to fill in for her cousin Dixie, a nurse who couldn't get off duty. Well, my heart sank.

This person turned out to be Justin Bond, whom everybody else had apparently heard of, including a guy who was spilling over into my lap. He said that Justin Bond had starred in *Hidden, a Gender* and *Waiting for Godette*, and had performed with Z Collective and the Sick and Twisted Players. So I thought, what the hell, it's only eight bucks.

Then this Justin Bond, who happens to have a gorgeous smile, said he was going to do Dixie's set. He sang a bit of "Flamingo" and a bit of "Zip-a-dee-doo-dah," and then just tore up Dixie's song list and said if we wanted to hear Dixie we could go to the Sheraton Hotel in November, where she would be appearing with a bubble machine in a Lawrence Welk tribute. I made a notation in my pocket calendar.



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Justin Bond "fills in" for her "cousin" Dixie: Straight men give her the blues.

Justin, who said he was a lounge singer in his own right, whipped out a song list and presented it to pianist Ken Mellman. Then he began with "Angel Eyes." He made us feel right at home by telling us all about himself, about growing up in Baltimore. He's a real storyteller, clever too. He said he still dreams about living in a big art deco apartment. And he's a socialist. He said, "I socialize."

Then he sang "I Didn't Know About You," and a manic version of "Psycho Killer," as well as a very emotional interpretation of "Going Out of My Head." But enough about human tragedy, he said, and told us about a cousin who had a child out of wedlock because the girl's parents didn't think the young man was suitable enough to marry—there went their traditional family values. Justin sang "Cherish" and told us about his "special" cousin Ruth Ann, who was going to eat a pine cone to prove she liked a boy, but Justin stopped her by saying, "Don't eat that pine cone. No man is worth it."

I must say, between songs he certainly got off what I call some real zingers. He said he didn't care if his brain *was* bigger than a straight man's, his homosexuality was a gift from God.

Hon, this Justin's early life was just fraught with little tragedies. When Peaches the poodle ran outside and was killed by a passing car, they got another poodle and called it Peaches Two and *it* ran outside and was killed by a car. I like the way Justin put it, "If your poodle dies you just get another one." Then he sang "Gone With the Wind." The absent Dixie had apparently endured a recent decade of substance abuse and failed marriages, so he dedicated "My One and Only Love" to her.

And he's not ashamed to share his every thought. When some woman got up and left during the show, he waited until she was out the door and then reminded us that "only a fag can do your hair, and no fag did that one." He went on to confess that while watching a video of Sean Connery —the one where the tarantula crawls over his hairy chest—he masturbated right there on the sofa. So, of course, he sang "Goldfinger," "You Only Live Twice" and "Diamonds Are Forever."

When someone asked him, "Diva, Goddess, Bitch, why do you sing the blues?" he came right out with the answer, "Straight men." That led into "Ball and Chain." He said not to believe it when we hear about a lesbian with an ice pick. "It was Justin with a rat-tailed comb."

I have to tell you, hon, that of all the songs he sang, I thought he was really fine, vocally and dramatically, on two by Jacques Brel: "We're Alone" and "My Death." They gave me goosebumps. I could listen to him sing Jacques Brel all night.

One of my friends said that sometimes it sounded like Justin was searching for a key to land on, but that didn't seem charitable considering he came down on a moment's notice to fill in for Dixie. But I did agree with my other friend who thought Justin's stories and remarks were wonderfully poignant and funny and that the whole show would be more polished and more enjoyable with six or seven fewer songs.

Dixie McCall's Patterns for Living is sold out through September, but has extended through October, Wednesdays and Thursdays at 9:30 pm at Athens by Night, 811 Valencia at 19th. Call 621-2152.

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Too often lavished with phrases comparing her to Midler, Monroe, Harlow, Dietrich, and Sophie Tucker, she is none of them (except when she tosses off a momentary camp impression). She is what she is—her own creation.

McNight took the plunge into show biz some 14 years ago and began singing in every local bar from the Castro to Polk Street to the Financial District, as well as at every function benefiting women's rights, gay rights or the careers of her favorite politicians.

During the rise and fall of our local cabaret era, she picked up a half dozen Cabaret Gold Awards, grand marshalled a gay parade, won a Critics Circle Award for her knockout performance in *Nunsense*, produced three LPs and made an occasional foray into the nightlife of Paris, Amsterdam, Frankfurt and Berlin.

Then, sad to say, she went off to New York, to make it or break it. She landed a role as the outer space diva in *Starmites* and won a Tony nomination, and her very own Hirshfeld caricature.

Now living in L.A., commuting to New York (where she appears next month as a soloist with the NY Gay Men's Chorus), and keeping a corner of an apartment here in SF, McNight has returned to sing and sass for the Sybarites of Marin. I'm happy to report that her voice is bright and assured, her song selection is a refreshing potpourri of yesterday and today, and her rapport with the audience is as infectious as ever.

The Coconut Room program featured an old standby, a big finish yodel on "Cowboy's Sweetheart," a softly crooned "In the Meantime" (the title song from her new cassette), and then a deliciously delineated "I Love You and Your Dog Loves Me." Among the evening's highlights were her uniquely upbeat rendition of the Gershwins' "The Man I Love," Comden and Green's "100 Easy Ways to Lose a Man," and Craig Carnelia's bittersweet "Picture in the Hall," along with his powerfully moving, "Just a Housewife."

In a sendup of Midler's classic "Wind Beneath My Wings," our diva reprised her viciously incisive, "You Are Contempt Beneath My Feet." Her fast forward tour-de-force version of "Oz" again brought down the house as she switched vocal and physical gears to portray Dorothy, the Good Witch, the Bad Witch and various Munchkins. Some 18 songs later McNight sang her final encore, the definitive and innuendo-laden version of Sondheim's "I Never Do Anything Twice."

Sharon McNight at Joe LoCoco's Ristorante, Drake's Landing, Greenbrae, Fridays through Sundays through Oct. 4, at 8:30, dinners from 6 pm. Call 925-0808.

Letters...

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percent of the demonstrators were African American, 80 to 90 percent of these defendants are African American? Oh, they may reply that "Everyone knows that Blacks commit more crimes than other groups." Or they may say that the ethnicity of these defendants is irrelevant, or sheer coincidence. But is it?

Or is it a plausible proposition that these prosecutions reek of racism? For many San Franciscans upon whom the label of "minority" has been forced (although certainly not the favored status of "model minority"), a cursory review of the history of our involvement with the criminal justice system offers more than sufficient evidence to take seriously this thesis and to demand that Arlo Smith drop the charges against the remaining defendants. That a grossly disproportionate number of these persons are African American is no more of a coincidence than is the further fact that, on any given day, one of every three young African American males between the ages of 20 and 29 in California is either in jail, in prison, on probation or on parole. It may confound some. But it does not confound me. I know the monster's name is institutionalized racism.

Will San Franciscans permit Arlo Smith to add further insult to injury by proceeding with the racist prosecution of these young people? The verdict is certainly not in on this one yet. However, it is harder for Americans to care when the image of Willie Horton as prototypical criminal has been seared into the popular mentality and when drug-related violence is invariably associated with young African American males. Think about it.

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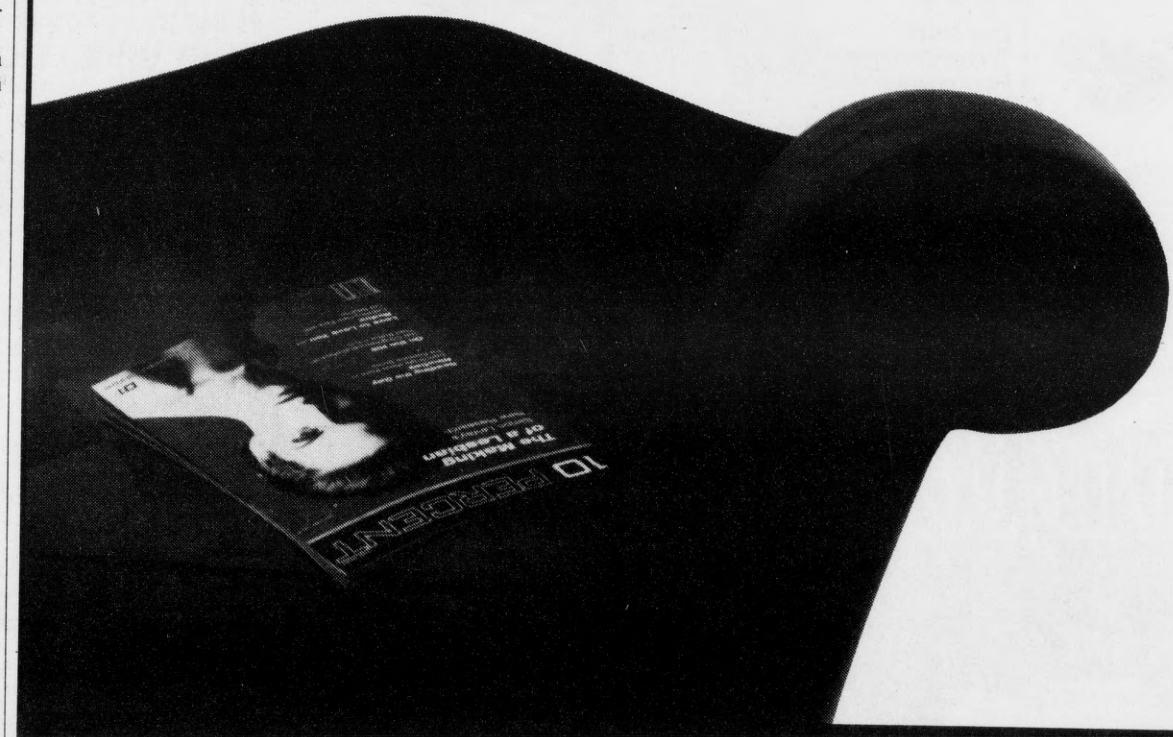

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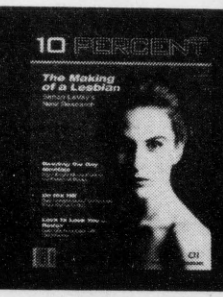

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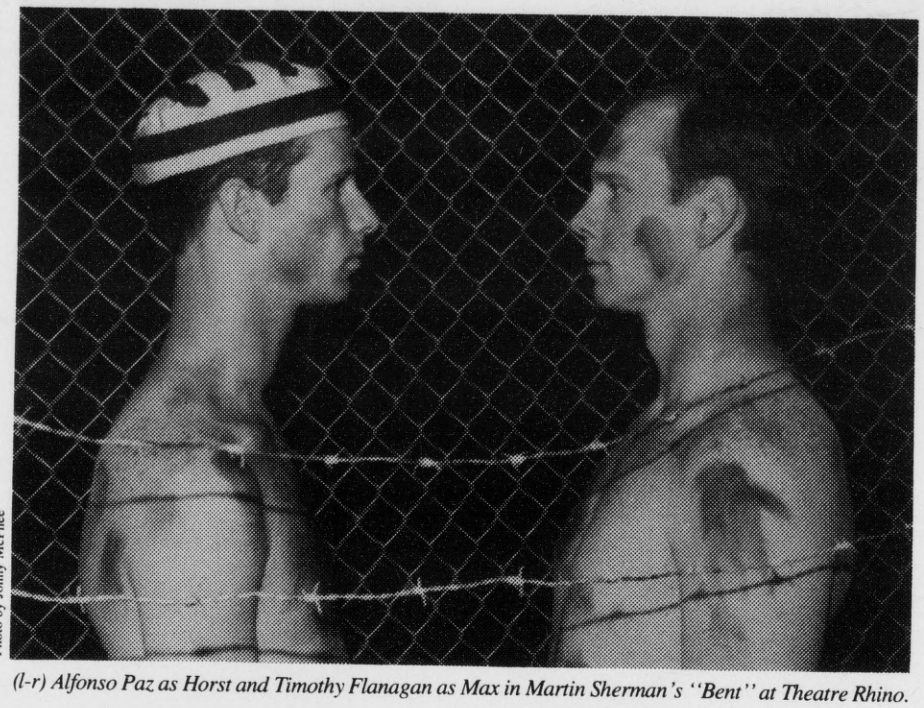
By Gene Price

Bent

As the opening production of Theatre Rhinoceros' 15th season, director Kelly Hill has mounted a starkly moving revival of *Bent,* Martin Sherman's 1979 drama about gay victims of the Nazi holocaust. Not a great play, it is nevertheless an important and absorbing one—with dream roles for two male actors. (Ian McKellen opened the play in London, Richard Gere in New York.) *Bent* is about the flowering of love—one human for another; under the most inhumane of circumstances, and the limits to which we can be physically and psychologically demeaned before we rise up and say, "Stop, this is enough."

Two lovers, Max (Timothy Flanagan) and Rudy (John Hogan), entertainers in a gay Berlin nightclub, awaken after a night on the town to confront a third nude body in their bed, Wolf (Dirk Alphin), a young S.S. trooper. While the petulant Rudy is whining about the condition of his dancer's feet, the hungover Max is trying to figure out how to get rid of the blond trick *and* pay the back rent. The door bursts open and their immediate problem is solved when Wolf is gunned down. (This is the morning following the Night of the Long Knives, a Hitler-directed purge of homosexuals that wiped out hundreds of his own elite S.S. troops, government officials, male prostitutes and known civilian gays.) Max and Rudy escape and seek refuge at the club.



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(l-r) Alfonso Paz as Horst and Timothy Flanagan as Max in Martin Sherman's "Bent" at Theatre Rhino.

Owner and drag entertainer Greta (Drew Todd) cynically admits giving the Nazis their address, offers them the money he was paid ("I've made a lot off your kind"), and tells them to get out. He's safe, he tells them, because he's a married man with kids.

Max then goes to meet an uncle (Charles E. Polly), a self-described "fluff," to arrange for passports into Belgium. Stating the resolve that will govern his future actions, he tells his uncle, "I mean to stay alive."

The lovers are caught and thrown into a boxcar bound for Dachau. When a Nazi captain and guard (David Bicha and Todd Baker) drag Rudy off and torture him, Horst (Alfonso Paz), a third occupant of the car, warns Max that if he values his own life, he must disclaim any relationship or affection for Rudy. Horst, who wears the pink triangle, tells Max that even Jews get better treatment than homosexuals.

Rudy is returned, beaten senseless and near death, and the Nazis command Max to finish him off as proof that they were not lovers. Max, in an insidious act of self-preservation, begins to kick at Rudy and then, realizing the evil of his complicity, that the victim has become the victimizer, he detaches himself from reality and kills Rudy in an animalistic rage.

He further convinces the Nazi officers that he is Jewish and not gay and is assigned the yellow star of David. At Dachau he is given the task of moving a pile of rocks from one location to another and back again. He bribes a guard to get Horst transferred to the same task ("They're doing it to drive us crazy") where, forbidden to touch, look at each other or talk, they speak by keeping their heads turned away from the guard.

Like a determined weed that pushes its way up through a crack in concrete, their tenuous friendship moves from tolerance to respect to love as they shift the rocks within the confines of their electrified space. Physically weaker, but morally stronger, Horst at last breaks through Max's belief that "queers aren't meant to love." Then comes the famous scene in which the two men stand at attention several feet apart and verbalize their mental explorations of each other's bodies with their hands and tongues, in a joyous depiction of orgasm.

The ending, even though one has seen the drama before, remains a shocker. But it's the ending that Max chooses for himself—an act that is a scream of pride and dignity to shatter our complacency.

This *Bent* delivers more power, a more graphic and haunting "aftertaste" than the production mounted a few years ago by SF Repertory Company. There's an element of immediacy in this production perhaps because the political climate of the times, then and now, is not as different as we might hope.

Bent plays Wednesdays through Saturdays (and some Sundays) through Oct. 17 at Theatre Rhinoceros. Call 861-5079.

Abundance

There's a foreshadowing of a female "buddy" plot when Pulitzer Prize-winner Beth Henley opens *Abundance* with two mail-order brides striking up a friendship as they await the arrival of their husbands-to-be at a train station in the Wyoming Territory in the late 1860s.

Bess (Lisa Ramirez) is the plain one—shy, ner-

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vous, clumsy, but eager to please. Macon (Edith Bryson) is the dreamer—full of life, feisty, hell-bent on making her visions of "abundance" come true.

But the dreams of both women are sorely tested by a bleak frontier and male domination. Their early bonding is eventually severed and is renewed, only briefly, 25 years later, in this gripping, superbly acted production of the Actors Theatre.

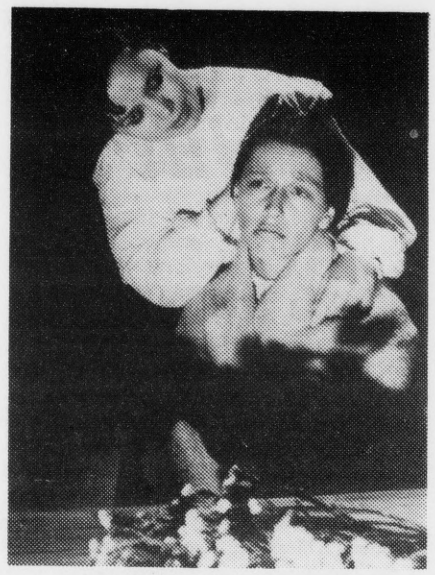
Co-directed by Keith Phillips and Mary Powelson, Henley's epic drama contrasts the marriages that fate arranged for Bess and Macon. For Bess, mooning over the poetic love letters written by her intended, the harsh reality of frontier life comes clear at once. Her intended's brother, Jack (Chris Phillips), a sullen, uncommunicative lout, arrives at the train station with the news that his brother has died in a freak accident. While Bess wails in anguish, he knocks her down and announces he will marry her instead.

Cut from different cloth, Macon's husband-to-be, William (Jack Halton), is a one-eyed widower, hard-working, but with a quirky, sentimental streak. His looks repel Macon as she finds herself attracted to the handsome but mean-spirited Jack.

Through the play's 19 scenes, the fortunes of the two couples rise (for Macon and William) and fall (for Bess and Jack). When their house burns down and destitute Bess and Jack are taken in to share Macon and William's home, Bess must now watch helplessly as Jack begins lusting after Macon, who has begun to respond openly to his physicality.

Though forbidden to sing in Jack's presence, Bess nevertheless gives in to Macon's plea and attempts a song after dinner. Forgetting the words, she is mocked by Jack and rushes outside to compose herself. When they go out to look for her, they find her shawl and an arrow.

Macon and William continue to prosper while rude, abusive Jack continues to sponge off their hospitality. Five years later word arrives that the



Lisa Ramirez (l) and Edith Bryson play frontier mail order brides in Beth Henley's "Abundance" at the Actors Theatre.

Army has purchased Bess from the Native American tribe that had earlier kidnapped her. Bearing the chin tattoos that mark her position as a chief's wife, Bess is unwillingly returned to "civilization" and the safekeeping of her husband and friends. Angry that her tribal husband—by whom she had two children—has sold her back to the white people for a few blankets and some beads, she refuses to speak or wear shoes. She is chained so she cannot escape back to her tribal family.

In this fascinating portion of the drama, Henley details (as revealed in diaries and accounts of the period) the psychological traumas endured by captured white women settlers who were later returned to their families.

Mute and unresponsive to both Macon and Jack, Bess is visited by a professor (Louis Parnell), who manages to gain her confidence. The now wily Bess, appropriating many of Macon's youthful dreams of adventure, achieves revenge against Macon and Jack, as well as her chieftain husband, by allowing the professor to propel her into a successful book-writing and lecturing career. She blossoms into a dominating, hard-drinking celebrity, turns her back on the deserted Macon, and sets off to make her fortune with Jack as her personal toady.

Their dreams reversed, a rich and vengeful Bess and a destitute and dying Macon meet again for a moment to share the wonder of their first meeting when they both reached up to touch a star in the boundless western sky.

Abundance (an ironic title) is a dual star turn for both Ramirez and Bryson, who work brilliantly together. In roles for which Henley (*Crimes of the Heart, The Miss Firecracker Contest*) has not provided much motivation, Phillips and Halton also excel. But why is Jack Flan so unremittingly mean? And how could William Curtis exist as a wimp in that rugged time and place? It's a credit to these two strong actors that they make us wonder and care.

Abundance *plays Thursdays through Sundays, 8 pm, at the Actors Theatre through Oct. 18. Call 269-9179.*

Speed The Plow

In Berkeley Repertory's 25th season opener, *Speed the Plow,* playwright David Mamet plunges his stiletto of profane and staccato dialogue into the Hollywood system. He not only skewers the petty wheeling and dealing of studio bigwigs, he questions whether the industry itself, traditionally disposed to producing movies for the IQ-impaired, would recognize and nourish a work of genuine social significance if it fell into its lap.

Not prime Mamet, this satire is still Mamet: man-talk, constant repetition of good-ol'-boy phrases, overlapping and half-finished sentences, interruptions and obscenities chanted like poetry.

Bobby Gould (Jere Burns) and Charlie Fox (Charles Dean) were mailroom buddies, but now Bobby's sitting in the catbird seat as head of production. Good buddy Charlie arrives with a prison/buddy script and a sure-fire package that includes a bankable star. The two rhapsodize in an orgy of self-congratulations. As co-producers —names above the title—they'll make millions. But their meeting with the studio head is postponed.

Enter pretty blond temp secretary Karen (Rebecca MacLean). She's innocent and sincere, and she asks all the right questions and has all the right answers. When she's gone the men razzle-dazzle each other with more backslapping man talk (do real men in Hollywood really talk like cartoon characters?), and Charlie bets Bobby $500 he can't lay the temp. Bobby takes the bet. He asks Karen if she would give a "courtesy read" to a fat script from some Eastern "sissy" writer. He suggests she bring her thoughts on it by his place later that night.

Karen arrives and touts her script about the end of the world through nuclear holocaust. Her sincerity lathers his ego and she convinces him that it may be the most important project he will ever do. Her enthusiasm and her sexuality are very convincing.

Sex is power and power is sexy. The men talk big, but Karen's the real manipulator.

Speed the Plow continues at the Berkeley Repertory through Oct. 23. Call 845-4700.

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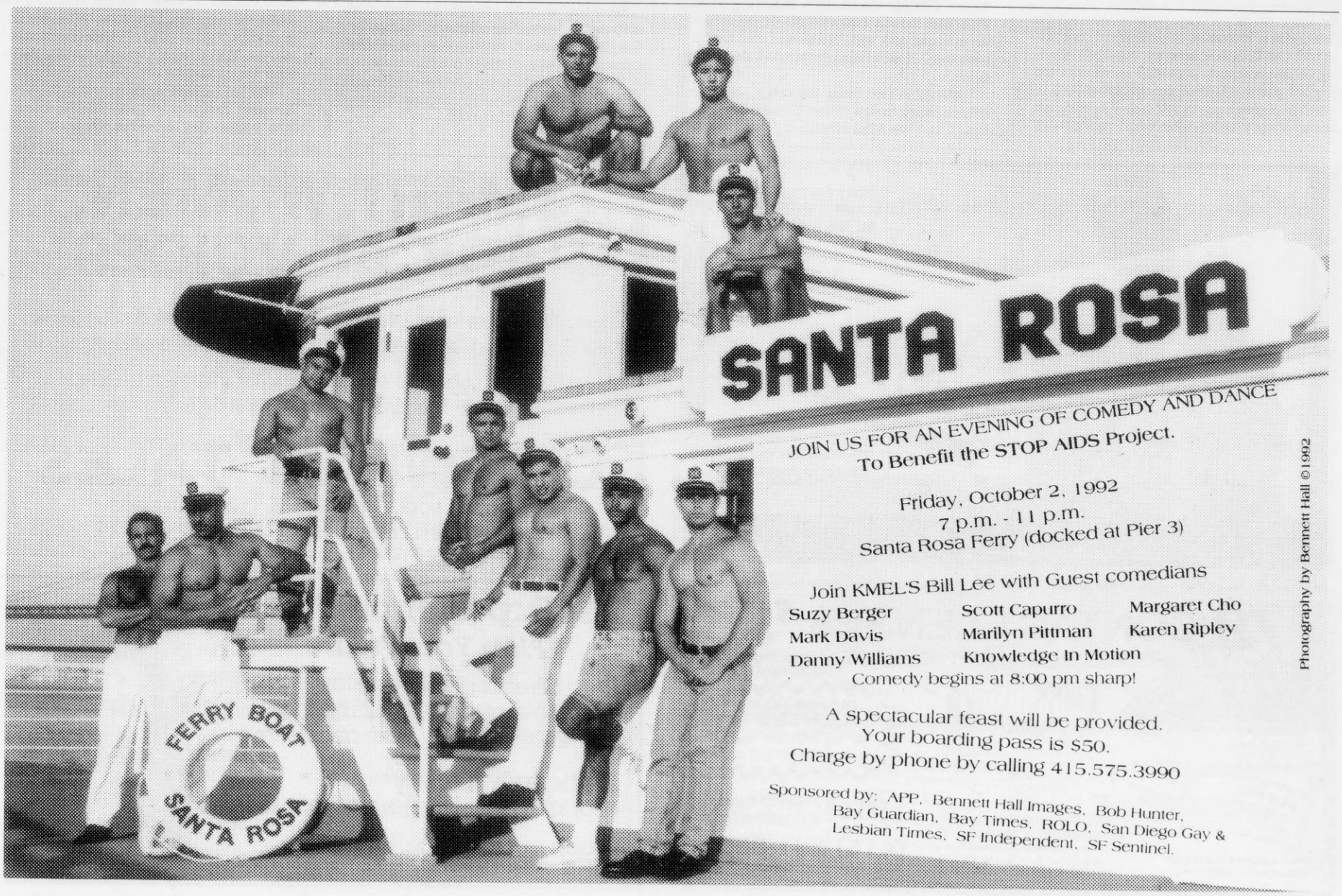
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(L-r) Carrie Keskinen and Constance Doolan play two Victorian sisters in the off-Broadway musical hit "Goblin Market" at the Gasoline Alley Theatre.

Goblin Market

Christina Rossetti's 1862 poem, "Goblin Market," musicalized into a two-character fairy tale by Polly Pen and Peggy Harmon, is currently playing at CitiArts Gasoline Alley Theatre in Concord. Directed by Andrew Holtz, featuring the sweet sopranos and exuberant performances of Constance Doolan and Carrie Keskinen, and an offstage chamber quartet, the dream play is 70 minutes of enchantment. Sprinkled with Old Testament imagery, but clearly reveling in psychosexual, Victorian repression, the original poem is framed around a flashback in which two grown sisters remember a childhood fantasy about a haunted glen where goblins with catlike heads attempt to seduce them with luscious forbidden fruits.

One sister, Laura (Keskinen), goes first into the glen at dusk, falls prey to the goblins' pagan rituals, returns home and is feverishly ill with craving for more of the fruit. Sister Lizzie (Doolan) then sets out to buy some of the "bloom-cheeked peaches" for Laura, but is instead assaulted by the goblins. When she refuses to eat their proffered fruit, they squash their juicy melons over her lips and face. Returning home, she coaxes the silly Laura to taste the juices from her eyes and neck and "she sucked until her lips were sore." Laura falls asleep and awakens well again.

Victorian in their lilting innocence, the songs are entrancing from the first "Come Buy, Come Buy," to "We Must Not Look," "Mouth So Charmful," "The Sisters" (with music by Brahms), "Some There Are Who Never Venture" (with lyrics by John Gay), "Mirage" (with music by Charles Ives), through "Lizzie, Lizzie, Have You Tasted?" A bit rarefied for children, perhaps, but charming. Plays through Oct. 31. Call (510) 671-3388 (and ask for specific directions).

Uncle Vanya

Some of the most innovative and best work on the local theater scene is being performed by the Encore Theatre in its cozy Ed Hastings Studio. The current production is Chekhov's melancholic *Uncle Vanya,* in a David Mamet adaptation. Wasted lives, passions spent, proclamations of love that may well erupt out of boredom, a bleak, claustrophobic future—but it is real people who voice these despairs.

A retired professor and writer returns with his beautiful second wife to the country estate left him by his deceased first wife. Yelena, the new wife (Lauren Lane), plunges the household into a determined, if languorous, competition for her favors.

Bespectacled Uncle Vanya (David Maier) and plain, beaten-down Sonya (Anne Darragh) have scrimped side-by-side over the years to keep the estate on an even keel so funds could be channeled to the professor, who announces that he plans to sell the estate so he can afford to live in town.

Bob Krakower's direction plumbs the very core of the typical Chekhov family which, giving vent to its emotions, teeters nimbly between comedy and tragedy. The images are lasting: a bored, cigar-smoking Yelena, circling and circling the parlor like a restless animal; a stony, embittered Sonya staring into futureless space; Uncle Vanya himself, writhing in tears on the floor.

Some fine ensemble acting in this clean, fairly contemporary-sounding adaptation. Except for a few phrases (none of them obscene), you'd hardly know Mamet had a hand in it.

Uncle Vanya continues at the Encore Theatre, 450 Geary St., Thursdays through Sundays, through Oct. 4. Call 567-6076.

Molly Goode and Don Wood in "The Time of Your Life" at the Savoy Tivoli.

The Time of Your Life

Director Andrea Gordon's tour-de-force production of Saroyan's *The Time of Your Life* has moved from Specs' Bar to the Savoy Tivoli—along with several cast changes. It's pure Saroyan, unabashedly sentimental, unstructured, and offering 18 actors their 15 minutes of spotlight to spill out their memories and impossible dreams. (Fortified with scotch and cigarettes, Saroyan wrote the first draft in six days. Premiered in 1939, the play won both the New York Critics' Circle Award and the Pulitzer Prize. Saroyan declined the latter.)

After having seen both productions in two different bar configurations and been impressed by both, I cannot conceive of this play in a traditional

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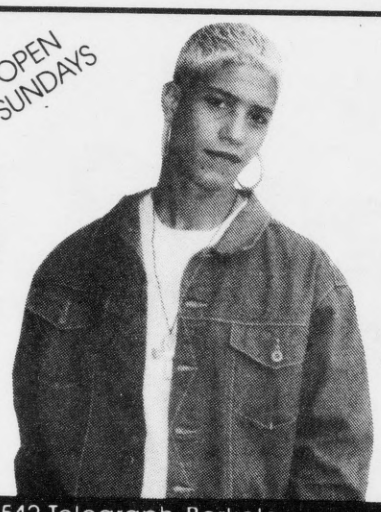
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stage setting. It works so naturally with the actors co-mingled at bar tables, hanging on the phone, playing the pinball machine, banging out tunes on the piano, or just getting quietly drunk. Interesting too, some of those sentimental speeches don't sound quite so fake or dated in a realistic setting (except for that final cringing-with-embarrassment dialogue of young lovers Elsie and Dudley).

Chris Fairbanks is Joe, the mysterious, moneyed champagne drinker from whose table plot threads ravel and unravel. Fairbanks is a more assertive Joe—louder, more assured—than his predecessor, Cully Fredrickson, who was more laid-back, introspective, self-mocking. Tom, Joe's sidekick, is played by Don Wood, who delivers a performance so beautifully shaded, vocally and physically, that it could not be improved upon. Molly Goode is Kitty, the whore who wanted to be an actress and marry a doctor, but whose sad, weary eyes now give off the hopelessness of a kitten that has been tossed out in the rain.

Harry, the auditioning comedian/dancer, is played by Peter Rothblatt, but his interpretive choreography is less ingratiating than the tap dancing of his predecessor. Kevin Scanlon is the drunken sailor. As the bartender, Louis Parnell gives a more "out front" performance than that of Larry Pisoni. Karen Garvey is delightful as the Danish newsgirl who puts down her papers to audition as an Irish singer. Jim Chance is as smarmy a vice squad detective as one would ever want to meet, and Erin McCalla is poignant and haunting as the restless society-type who just stopped in for a drink. J. Raoul Brody is fine on piano, as usual, and Ronnie Dee Blair has all the funny lines as congenital liar Kit Carson—though, by rushing them, he missed laughs that the previous Carson, Ed Ivory, picked up with more measured delivery.

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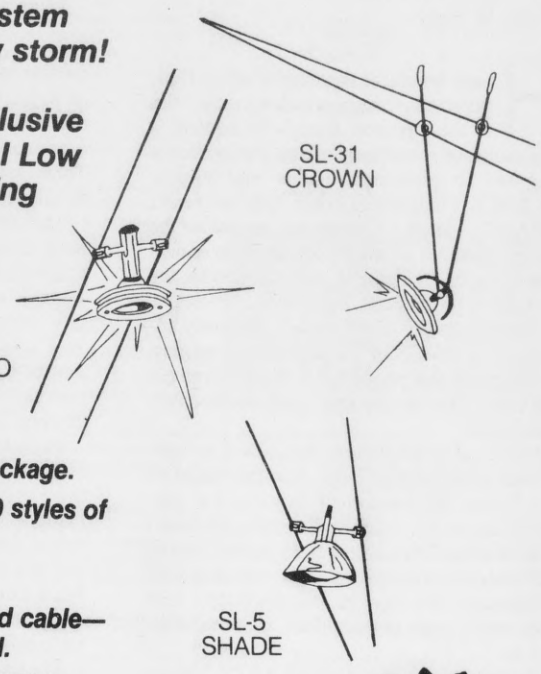

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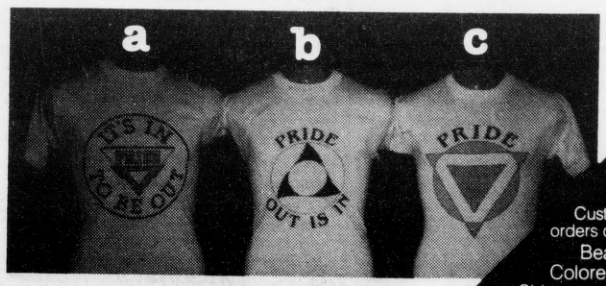

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Heavy bondage! Piercing! Fisting! Hell, doesn't anybody just fuck anymore? Not in these photos, though the content is undeniably and relentlessly sexual. Penetration is relegated to piercings, hands and dildos. SEXART2 is bigger and better than last year's SEXART1—Mark I. Chester has assembled the oeuvres of about 16 artists for his sixth annual show, up for two weeks beginning with the weekend of the Folsom Street Fair.

"It's important!" Mark insists. "It's really important that people in our community support these explorations on the edge. The government won't do it. We must be free to talk about what's in our lives."

Many readers might think that radical sexuality is not a part of their lives. And that might be true. Today. But freedom of choice (a.k.a. pursuit of happiness) is that ever-elusive guarantee given us about 200 years ago in a much-battered and beleaguered dangerous document called the Constitution. We must be free to choose. And these works exult in the wilder, more extreme choices.

Diversity is a key word to SEXART2. The artists and their backgrounds cover a myriad of possibilities: straight to lesbian and gay male, various ethnic backgrounds and ages. From the serene photos of Freddie Niem (born in Shanghai, China) to the elegant charcoal studies of the nude male by retired art professor Duane Wakeham.

Not all the work is "dirty," whatever that means in the '90s. "We went for a broad range," Chester explains, "From standard to on-the-edge. From tender to disturbing." The bulk of the art is black-and-white photography, but there is also a simple yet ambiguous bronze casting of a cock-and-cross by Gavin Geoffrey Dillard, a mesmerizing video by Scott Taylor & William Lloyd and a haunting sensurround environmental piece including three oil paintings, chains and mirrors by Gary Epting. Of the black-and-white photography, the work varies from classical musclebound nude men by Ed Freeman to voyeuristic "peep show" shots by Cammie Toloui to the leather and bondage icons of lesbian Schuler Pescada.

The overall effect of the exhibit is astounding. Such diversity of sexual expression constantly demands the viewer's attention in ever-changing ways. It's impossible to passively stroll through this exploration of sexuality without fleeting smiles, occasionally raised eyebrows and some long hard stares. The underground of impassioned men and women amongst us parallels the undercurrents of sexual urges within us.

Sadly lacking is a thorough sampling of Mark I. Chester's own work—this year showing only three photographs. When asked about this, Mark shrugged. Real-life concerns have ever again reared their ugly heads. You know, rent, food, etc. But the three black-and-white photographs Mark exhibits are vintage Chester. Two hot bondage photos and one sexy look at the super-endowed ever-hard Scott O'Hara.

The line-up of seemingly simple portrait-style photographs by Michael Rosen are conservatively framed and hung. Yet the imagery! Rosen machine-gun fires photos that shock, titillate and/or arouse the viewer's sensibilities. A leather-clad woman with strap-on dildo wields a gun. Next, a well-dressed Jack Fertig (of *SF Bay Times* astrology fame) with sleeve rolled up and hand planted in a man's greasy butt up to his wrist. Next, a woman fisting another woman. Two photos down, a goatee'd young man fisting a corpulent woman. Conservative trappings can be deceiving.

The continuously repeating video by Taylor & Lloyd features the filthy hands of an unidentified male working over a piece of meat. The meat is long and thick, strongly resembling a BIG dick.

Photo by Schuyler Pescada

SEXART2 offers up a diversity of sexual expression from provocative to disturbing in an exciting celebration of sexuality.

But it's not. The hands stroke and stretch the meat. Caressing. Insistently tugging, then opening the meat and inserting fingers. Pushing. Stretching. Very strange and for some reason very difficult to turn away from.

Max Laurie White's intense style depicts nude women in stark black-and-white paintings. Stark yet loving, the images glorify the image of woman. Not mother, saint or whore, but woman. As White provides, "My women are fierce survivors who often stand alone in their confrontation with a violent, disturbed world.... My women are lesbians."

Check out these works before the ultra-conservative thought and sex police make future showings impossible and/or illegal. Definitely Chester's most ambitious and varied gallery exhibit ever! An acknowledgement, approval and celebration of sexuality. Sometimes loving, sometimes brutal, always challenging, it's not to be missed.

SEXART2 at Mark I. Chester's Folsom Gallery, 1229 Folsom St. (bet. 8th-9th Sts.) until Sept. 27. $2. (415) 621-6294.

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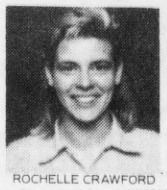

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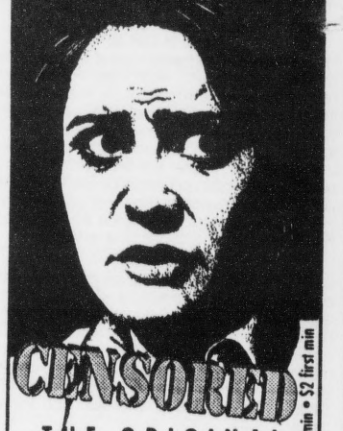

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Attractive GWF, 34, seeks sweet, attractive, loving, passionate woman to share kisses in the moonlight, walks by the ocean, lying nude in the sunlight, relaxing in the hot tub, massage by the fireplace, talking about everything, good music, good wine, light beer, healthy foods, healthy attitudes. It is important that you are willing to communicate. I am a sensitive Pisces, athletic, entrepreneur, good natured, good sense of humor. If you want to spend some quality time, please write and send photo. Reply BT Box SP10B or call ★★1019.

Back In Old SF

I'm still, however, bicoastal around the bay. Other honest, semi-retired, trim, health-consciously non-abusive lesbian sought for long "walkin' talks," Cherokee style, arts escapades/collaborations, playful "laptime" (non-sexual awhile) & time for time sharing my racewalk coaching, movement therapies, theater arts and poetic license in urban gypsy trails accessible by BART. Please, no put-down humorists, heavy drinking, smoking, scents. Letters with phone #s answered. Reply BT Box SP11B or call ★★1020.

Short Fuse?

Love to kiss? I'm looking for an over-intelligent, big-breasted, pent-up femme who's looking for a shy, sweet, dick-oriented motherfucker like me. I'm 5'8", look like a girl, feel like a boy, love books, music, the ocean and long, shuddering orgasms. Do you fantasize being taken "against your will"? Does sex make you tremble? I'm "married," hope you're "married," too. Please call ★★1021.

Looking For Lipstick Lesbian

If you're brunette, petite, 5'2" to 5'5", I want to burn your thighs up with passion till you scream. Will serve you wine when we dine, then we will 69. Muscular, 36-year-old, with great sense of humor and loves to make love. Living in Santa Cruz and just looking for a good time and possibly more. Likes weekend getaways and fires on the beach. Call ★★1022.

Tickle My Fancy

Warm, witty, wily wench seeks same (or fairly similar). I'm 5'6", 120 lbs., brn/bl, feminine and emotionally, financially and physically fit, 31-year-old professional. I like the outdoors, cultural events, books, hot tubs, travel and admire warped senses of humor. I've got lots of friends, but would like to locate a special good person to share fun. Can you help? PO Box 471622, SF 94147.

Cute Round Bear Type

GWF, 40s, cute round bear type of the butch variety, seeks a self-actualized, intelligent femme lesbian for fun. I like classical music, long philosophical conversations, movies, dining out, dancing, reading & writing. Kindness and tall women especially appreciated. Reply BT Box SP12B or call ★★1023.

Sweep Me Off My Feet

And keep up with me. Want: Cute, soft, androgynous/butch, 26-43, no drugs/smoke. I'm 5'6", 120 lbs., brunette, green/brown eyes, androgynous/feminine, attractive, very active. Let's talk, play, country-western dance, bicycle, run, make love. I want an intimate, monogamous, committed relationship with the perfect woman for me & eventually start a family. Prefer politically active & out. Write PO Box 160164, Cupertino 95016 or call ★★1024.

Sweet Ad-Venture

I'm looking for a sweet womon to spend some time with. I'm 30, wholesome, radical, a womon-loving dyke w/all kinds of experiences & dreams. I love the country & get very excited about compost & growing vegetables. Are you a sane, whole lesbian looking for an adventure? Open to friends, lovers or cuddle dates w/the right womon/womyn. I feel you're out there. Write me a letter. Reply BT Box SP13B.

Things That Make You Go Hmmmm!

What can I say. I'm femme, humorous & a lot of fun! Not looking for the perfect butch, just one that's tall & romantic. We would spend quiet time together, maybe go for walks, listen to music and talk with one another, watch favorite old movies, go to dinner. So if you're butch and this sounds good to you, call me. Call ★★1025.

Kindness Is Important

And so is sharing life's everyday pleasures. I'm 40s, attractive, goal-oriented, pragmatic and inventive. I'm seeking warm, open-minded, self-aware woman for companionship & partnership. I have many interests and am open to new ones. Call ★★1026.

Sensual, Safe Sex

Is what I'm looking for, but the catch is that I need to know you enough to trust you first. I'm a 21-year-old lesbian who's never been physically intimate with a woman and don't want to wait around any longer. You need to be sensitive, honest and understanding of the fact that if I'm not comfortable with you, it won't happen. I'd prefer someone within 10 years of my age who's looking to make a friend & whose personality is equally or more attractive than their body. Call me! If nothing else, this is one hell of an interesting way to make a new friend. Call ★★1027.

I Love Women

I will court you and romance you. Kind, warm, attractive, 34 y.o., 5'10", brunette Capricorn is looking for an attractive, normal weight, 30-40 y.o. woman who is more on the femme-looking side, like myself. Looking to date and eventual long-term relationship. I'm intelligent, mature, love to snuggle, have a great sense of humor, fantastic kisser, easy to talk to and one of a kind! Reply BT Box SP14B or call ★★1028.

Cleverly Disguised As A Responsible Adult

Disguise: stably employed, same SF address 6 yrs, debt-free, intelligent, articulate, decisive, charitable, informed. Underneath: outrageous wit/humor, knee-weakening kisser, creative brainstormer, singer/performer, urban motorcyclist, great cook (does breakfast in bed sound good?), light drinker/toker. I'm 37 (most disbelievers guess 30-32), energetic (very), attractive GWF (pretty with makeup, handsome without), athletic (golf, tennis, swimming, softball, etc.), 5'8", stocky (teddy bear with muscles), losing weight, feeling great! I like my sports, photography, travel, concerts, galleries & exhibits, street fairs, lots of different music, being outdoors, the beach at night, massage and sensual ecstasy with someone special... maybe a GWF, 28-40, med. to stocky, sporty, nonsmoker, outgoing, energetic, adventurous and creative, sensual, independent wtih your own dreams and goals, but, like me, you'd like to find someone special to make your wishes come true with. Let's share some laughs together while we peel off our disguises. Call ★★1029.

Irish Eyes

I am 37, petite, very attractive. Emotionally balanced, sensitive, intelligent, loving. I seek another with love in her heart and a smile on her lips. I miss the warmth of a relationship and a warm body close to me. Seeking a woman who understands the ebb and flow of love and life and will work within it. All replies answered. Write 2215-R Market St., Suite 253, SF 94114 or call ★★1030.

Not An Island

So much time has passed "learning my lessons" that I've lost touch with the "mainland." No one can stay alone forever if it's health, happiness and caring that they yearn for. I'm at a place where I have a need to express the virtues of "self-peace" with someone who is almost my "polar" opposite. Aesthetics are important (slim as I am, 5'6" or more), 28-37 is preferred, NS a must. To the most bewitching woman with the long, brown hair, I offer the possibility of a torrid, sensual affair. Reply BT Box SP15B or call ★★1031.

W. Left Me

And I'm lonely. New to Bay Area, 22-year-old grad from East Coast looking for friends, just friends, interested in exploring SF, day and weekend trips, outdoors and exercise, reading, talking, thinking and arguing, going to movies and watching large amounts of television one night a week. I'm tired of eating dinner alone! Love to dance, especially country/western. Call ★★1032.

Large Lesbian Seeks Same

I want something to hold onto when making love. 31 y.o. lesbian, ACA, 5'7", 250 lbs., seeks woman of substantial weight for monogamous relationship. Would like to meet a woman who is independent, comfortable with doing her own thing as well as being together and allows others the same courtesy. My interests include: cats, cooking, movies, football, good coffee, weekend getaways. If this sounds good, let's talk. Call ★★1033.

Ready

I'm in my mid-40s. I enjoy theater, movies, opera, golf, bicycling and dining out. I've been single and dating occasionally for the last two years after a long-term relationship. I feel that I'm ready for a more stable relationship again. I'm looking for a woman that's emotionally and financially secure, physically fit, youthful, friendly with a good sense of humor, mid-30s to late-40s. Call ★★1034.

Intelligent Woodswoman Wanted

I'm a well-travelled woman with Midwestern values and an attraction for adventure. Heaven is sharing a fire on a cold day with a hot woman and a warm dog. I love cooking, music and the finer but simpler things of life. 40, educated, psychologically insightful, and know who I am. Ready for a growing relationship. Boxholder, PO Box 111851, Campbell 95011-1851 or call ★★1035.

Have Lover, Seek Sex

We haven't had sex since Dan Quayle said something intelligent. Seeking a three-night stand or two for passionate/silly/tender sex. Don't care how butch or femme you are, how short or tall, thin or wide (on the wide side myself). Please no tobacco or S/M. Especially welcome: activists, artists and dykes who like laughing in bed. Call ★★1036.

Te Invito

I'm a Hispanic, petite woman in my early 30s. I'd like to meet women or any race & age for friendship. Let's meet over for coffee or a drink & explore each other. Perhaps we have things in common or things to share. But most of all, let's enjoy life while we can. Vamos mujer, acepta mi invitacion. Reply BT Box SP16B.

I've Got The Chemistry...

In fact, two years and straight A's. I'm an East Bay, femme biologist, looking for some biology with the right woman. Reading, birding, bicycles, long walks with binoculars and honest talks are wonderful. Can you handle an intense femme who believes in honesty, skirts, direct communication, intelligence and great cooking? Any of you butch-of-center women interested? If you're also a nonsmoker, out of bars, and strong enough to let a femme also make love to you, then write: 20824 Mission Blvd., #822, Hayward 94541 or call ★★1037.

Let's Emerge

Through an empowering partnership that honors our strong need for autonomy and individual growth, yet satisfies our basic desire for love, affirmation and commitment. I am a multifaceted, emotionally mature and attractive, petite woman in her 40s, with a literary/creative/psychological bent, a youthful appearance but wise soul, and am well-defined yet warm and sensitive. I like the give and take of lively conversation, appreciate the poetic in people and nature, work hard at my profession, and have diverse interests. Have done my therapeutic work and have had a full plate of life experience to know who I am and what I want. If any of this "resonates" and you (like me) are a healthy, non-abusing woman who believes that only actresses are suited for role-playing, I do look forward to receiving your letter (preferably), or your voice-mail message. Who knows, maybe we can emerge together. Reply BT Box SP17B or call ★★1038.

Valley Of The Dolls

That's the title of the doll closet I have in my house. I'm 40 yrs. old, attractive, long blond hair & green eyes, 5'4½" & 130 lbs. I'm looking for a woman, 27-47, prefer long dark hair & brown eyes, 5'3½"-5'7" & 125 lbs.-150 lbs. I want a feminine butch. Send photo if you can. Call ★★1039.

Ma'am/Sir

2 novices: 1 thin, white, bleached blonde, tomboy to adolescent faggot-identified lesbian, switch; 1 fat, mixed, bleached redhead, classy to slutty high femme, bottom—looking for big bad butch top to keep us in line. If you can handle both of us call ★★1040.

Very Private Person (LTZ)

Non-returnable and prevaricate messages are not acceptable. Approach avoidance dance is noted without judgment. No need to process guilt for me. (It's your trip, not mine.) I have a perfect new home (and we are neighbors). Business has exploded and passion for school flowing with a strong current. Communication equity is imperative.

shared interest

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The Shared Interest ads are part of the Personals, and as such are for individuals seeking other individuals with common personal interests. They are not for the purpose of forming professional connections. If you are looking for business partners, clients, or work-trade agreements, or if you are forming a professional organization, please use the Open Exchange classified ads. Thanks.

Astrology Socials For Women

Casual monthly gatherings to talk about the stars and such. If you're interested in meeting with like-minded souls, call ★★1106. Leave name and phone. Individualized charts will be provided free. Group size is limited. San Francisco location.

QWF (Queer Writing Females)

We are a group of serious queer women writers who... wait. Start again. We are a group of frivolous queer women who are, nevertheless, quite serious about writing. By serious, we mean (a) serious about improving our work and (b) serious about getting our work published. (Some of us are already published, some are not.) We are looking for others of our ilk to expand (slightly) the size of our group. Purpose of the group is to provide motivation and constructive criticism, and to help overcome procrastination, writer's block, laziness, low self-confidence, and other writer's

Dykes To Watch Out For

the PLOT thickens
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AN UNUSUAL NEW CONTRACT PROVISION HAS JUST BEEN IMPLEMENTED AT THIS COMIC STRIP. BY THREATENING A WALKOUT, THE RANK AND FILE HAVE GAINED COMPLETE CONTROL OF OUR STORY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION!
LET'S SEE HOW THEY'RE DOING...
DTWOF INC.
NO SOLICITORS
MAIL
CULTURAL ELITE AT WORK
OKAY. TONI'S PREGO, AND MO & HARRIET ARE HISTORY. NOW WHAT'S THE SKINNY ON YOU & MALIKA, GINGER? WE HAVEN'T HEARD A THING SINCE SHE CAME TO VISIT.
SOME OF US HAVE SEEN PLENTY, THOUGH! THAT WAS QUITE A LITTLE SHOW MALIKA TAPED OF YOU TWO IN BED!
HERE'S AN IDEA! HOW ABOUT IF I TAKE THEIR VIDEO WITHOUT GINGER'S KNOWLEDGE, AND SUBMIT IT TO AN AMATEUR LESBIAN PORNO CONTEST WHERE IT WINS FIRST PRIZE!
I LIKE IT! THEN ME AND SOME OF GINGER'S OTHER STUDENTS COULD SEE IT AT A PARTY AND THREATEN TO SHOW THE UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT UNLESS WE ALL GET A's!
OH, PUH-LEAZE! WHAT ARE WE WRITING HERE, A TV MOVIE? THAT'S SHEER BATHOS! I DON'T THINK YOSHI SHOULD CONTRIBUTE UNTIL SHE PASSES MY FRESHMAN COMPOSITION CLASS!
LET'S REMEMBER TO KEEP OUR COMMENTS POSITIVE GINGER. NOW, WHAT ABOUT YOU AND MALIKA?
WE'RE TOTALLY IN LOVE! JUST LOOK AT THESE PHONE BILLS. UH... I GET REIMBURSED FOR THIS, RIGHT? I MEAN, IT IS A BUSINESS EXPENSE!
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HEY, IF SHE GETS HER PHONE BILLS PAID, THEN I OUGHTA GET HALF MY RENT PAID! I'M TOTALLY BROKE, AND IT WASN'T MY IDEA FOR HARRIET TO MOVE OUT!
HEY, HARRIET! WE'VE BEEN DYING TO KNOW... ARE YOU SLEEPING WITH THAT WOMAN WE SAW YOU WITH AT THE PRO-CHOICE RALLY?
WELL, NO... BUT IT MIGHT BE. AN INTERESTING PLOT DEVELOPMENT IF I DID HAVE AN AFFAIR WITH ELLEN. I THINK IT WOULD HELP FLESH OUT MY CHARACTER, SHOW US WHAT REALLY MAKES HARRIET TICK.
WHAT BULLSHIT! I THINK IT WOULD BE AN INTERESTING PLOT DEVELOPMENT IF ELLEN TURNED OUT TO BE A PRE-OP TRANSSEXUAL!
HEY, I LIKE IT! IT'S TIMELY, HIP, PLENTY OF HUMAN INTEREST!
WOULD WE HAVE TO CHANGE THE NAME OF THE STRIP? "DYKES AND TRANSGENDERAL PERSONS TO WATCH OUT FOR?"
COULD WE PLEASE STICK TO THE AGENDA? I'D LIKE TO MOVE THAT NO NEW CHARACTERS BE INTRODUCED UNTIL I GET PROPERLY ESTABLISHED HERE!
I THOUGHT I WAS GONNA GET TO BE A WHOLE, 2-DIMENSIONAL CHARACTER LIKE THE REST OF YOU! BUT NOOO. I JUST SHOW UPON MY CRUTCHES EVERY TENTH EPISODE, LIKE A GODDAMN POSTER CHILD!
YOU THINK YOU HAVE IT BAD? TRY BEING A JEW IN THIS GOYISHER CARTOON! I GOT USED ONCE IN A PASSOVER STRIP 5 YEARS AGO, THEN BUBKES!
EXCUSE ME, BUT BEFORE WE GET INTO ALL THIS... WHAT ABOUT MY RENT CHECK?
HAVE THEY BITTEN OFF MORE THAN THEY CAN CHEW? STAY TUNED!

diseases. Ground rules: We meet every other Tuesday. If you don't bring something you've written, or if you skip a meeting without having a darned good reason, you have to bring home-made brownies to the next meeting. Please, be sex-positive, bi-positive, S/M-positive, sex-worker-positive, blah, blah, blah. No poetry, we can't cope with it. If you're interested, please send a sample of your work to BT Box SP600B.

Breaking Up Sucks!

I'm a 25 y.o. lesbian-identified individual looking for other women who are going through or who have been through this horrible experience. Let's rebuild our self-esteem together & keep each other busy. Survivors only! Reply BT Box SP601B or call ★★1107.

Looking Toward La-La Land

Long-time San Franciscan relocating to L.A. in Spring '93, seeks other lesbians/gay men wanting to move to L.A. Let's meet to discuss ideas, pooling resources, driving down together, ways to make the transition easier and make new friends. Serious replies only. Call ★★1108.

Bike Riders

Mid-30s GWM seeks partner(s) for weekend mt. biking in East Bay, Marin or elsewhere—ardent though novice. Biker is tired of biking alone and would like others to bike with. Road as well as off-road biking trails possible. Friendship, sex OK, or just the ride. Call ★★1109.

Oakland Video Enthusiast

Seeking other enthusiasts to borrow/trade videos —all kinds, mainstream, porno, unusual, foreign, etc. Don't have car so prefer local, but if you don't mind driving here all are welcome. To respond, call ★★1110.

Western Australia

GWM cpl, 24 & 26, would like penpals, similar age, varied interests. Please write (& photo too) to PO Box 781, Doubleview WA 6018 Australia.

Halloween

Looking for co-conspirators to do something sleazy/political/theatrical on Halloween. Best one past was when 3 of us, all different colors, ages, did a sister act, cruised Castro. Last year everybody wussed out on me, the dinosaur of the group. Now my hair is much longer, blonder and I'm feeling much sleazier. Immense bad taste drag collection, all sizes. Interested? Write ideas to PO Box 5241, Berkeley 94705.

Just Do It

Female country vocalist looking for acoustic guitars, electric guitars, fiddles, etc., to get together for fun. Let's share some songs and see where it takes us. I have the P.A. system. Enjoy Wynona, Patsy, Bonnie Raitt, Mary C.C. Reply BT Box SP602B or call ★★1111.

Women And Men Of Color

Considering parenthood? We are interested in forming a support group for people of color considering starting a family via donor insemination, adoption, etc. Let's get together and talk about it! Call ★★1112.

Young Lesbian Friends Wanted

Having "sort of" come out as a GM, I've become distanced from my straight female friends. I really miss hanging out and sharing honest, open friendships with females. But I can restore balance to my life by forming new bonds with my lesbian sisters. I enjoy dining out, beaches, outdoors, cooking and working out. I'm a straight-acting, professional and sensitive GAM, 28, and hope to meet young Asian or white lesbians for nurturing, platonic friendships. We can also be each other's "date" at those unpleasant, mandatory company and family functions. Call ★★1113.

Deaf And Lesbian?

I have just gone deaf due to nerve damage and would like to meet other women who happen to be very hard of hearing or deaf for friendship and mutual support. I need to be around others, preferably lesbians who know ASL (American Sign Language) or who are also in the process of learning it as well. I am a 29-yr-old, single GWF, easygoing, open-minded, patient and eager to learn. Reply BT Box SP603B.

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Not A Stud

I'm a 44-year-old BiWM. I'm friendly, educated, responsible, disease-free, employed and I have a good sense of humor. Alas, alas, I'm a very low-energy person. I'm seeking M/F/couples interested in low-key, friendly, safe sex, e.g., mutual J/O. If you have some of these qualities, it would be great: young, smooth, Asian, thin, sense of humor, like hot tubs, inexpensive ethnic restaurants, acoustic music. PO Box 22201, SF 94122 or call ★★1076.

Discretion A Must

BiWF, mid-40s, happily married, incredibly busy life, reasonably pretty. Seeking same or older for occasional afternoons of grand passion. I make love to you for hours, gently sucking the beautiful nipples of your heavy breasts until you're in delicious frenzy. Moving south, my tongue and fingers bring you slowly to total fulfillment. Then I do it all to you again. We meet in some comfortable, out of the way spot because discretion is an absolute must for both of us. Is this you? Let's talk over coffee. Reply BT Box SP300B or call ★★1077.

Hot Country Nights

For bisexual man or m&f couple. Seek longhair, stud man, single or with lady friend. Physical contact inside or outside at private, rural space. Am mainly gay, somewhat bisexual, 39, 6′, 190, longhair, masculine. Not into TVs, shaved crotches or crewcuts. 90 miles north of SF, car or bus. Might pay gas or busfare. Box 778, Cloverdale, CA 95425.

Vita Seeking Harold

Intense, zany woman, mid-30s, bisexual, seeks bonafide bisexual man for devoted yet flexible bond. Straight men bore the bejesus out of me. Looking for wit, tenderness and fire in a grown up man with a sense of both responsibility and the absurd. Someone who relishes a delicious conundrum: the man/woman in me and himself. Caution: Seeking partner/playmate, not plaything. Reply BT Box SP301B or call ★★1078.

TLC 4 Me, Please

Bi woman, slight butch, with herpes, longs for simple companionship and simple activities. Walks, talks. Am feeling, tactile, 40s, plain-to-pretty, artsy, bookish, low-income, casual dresser (pants). You're aware, pro-choice, feminist, male or female, patient, substance-free, not perfect either. You're also real, over 36, welcome to take lead (if kind, easygoing, offer some of your time). Nothing more than companionship asked of you. Call ★★1079.

I Live A Very Queer Life

Radical Jew pervert stud, bisexual in activity, multiple in identity, complex, playful, smart, non-possessive, present, handsome, worthy of worship, big there, a good friend, often self-absorbed, solitary, very social with a few people, long-haired, seeks nasty, independent, multiple personalitied, creative, fun, beautiful in your way, lustful, generally happy, preferably female sex buddy, partner in crimes of passion, freedom. Any ethnicity, culture. Call ★★1080.

Just A Friend

Out of town bi-male seeks SF bi-female for companionship when visiting. Dinners, walks, hikes and just being together for good times/ideas. If you're interested in just being a friend, prefer age 40-55 yrs old. Call ★★1081.

Oral Tutorials

Accomplished deep-throating BiWM, 41, handsome, 6 foot, blond/blue/clean & sober/together, seeks male & female couple for interesting mixed 3-way. I can show her a thing or two—what can you teach me? All photos/videos returned and letters answered. PO Box 26042, SF 94126 or call ★★1082.

Bright, bisexual male wants an intelligent, bisexual woman for an open, honest, caring, flexible friendship/relationship. I'm healthy, careful, mature and attractive. Hoping for a feminine woman, but one with a definite masculine side. Age unimportant. Write or call. Reply BT Box SP302B or call ★★1083.

Fat Fighter Wanted

Feisty, feminine, funny, fat, ND, NS, BiWF, with no physical attributes (as yet) about to embark on food fast, seeks patient, sensitive BiWF/M, with no food issues to assist with mental and physical diversionary activities (hiking, biking, tennis, dancing, theater, intense—or not so—conversation, etc.). I've kept an erotic, sensual, passionate, mildly perverse person buried beneath an overabundance of flesh far too long. Call ★★1084.

OK, So Maybe It Is Rocket Science

That could explain why so many people respond with great questions like: "Do they know about each other?" Well, that's either a fine item of Noetics or a perfect example of being unclear on the concept. So here's the concept. It's three people building a life together, creating a relationship where the answer is no longer "No" to one, but "Yes" to both. Yeah, sure, it's not a new idea, but we're not visionaries; this ain't no grand experiment but it's still a damn good idea. We've come close enough to know that three people can build that life. Close enough to know that somewhere out there there's another woman who wants to get beyond the myths. Call ★★1085.

Extra-Curricular Exercise

Are you an attractive Bi or GWM, 25-40, masculine, fit, cleanshaven, nonsmoking, HIV-, married or in relationship and intending to remain so but in need of another regular sexual outlet? Single but otherwise similar GWM, 35, 5′11″, 165, blue eyes, brown hair, could assist. Lower Peninsula, daytime hours, my place. Discretion assured and expected. Call ★★1086.

Molest Me

Passive BiWM wants to be your toy—to be stripped, grabbed, fondled and groped. I also like submissive role games. I'm attractive, 39, 5′6″ and 120 lbs., with a nice, slim, smooth, boyish body for you to explore. Safe J/O play only. Call ★★1087.

Joy Of Discipline!

BiM, 41, 6′1″, 175 lbs., nice blue eyes, looking for a post-modern woman or man who loves old-fashioned spanking, give and/or take. I desire a relationship. I have friends in S/M community I've known 5 years. I'm HIV-, very respectful of limits, imaginative. Call ★★1088.

Trapped In One's Mind

Your emotions say you want it, but your mind doesn't think it's possible—hence you won't even try, or you make a weak attempt and give up. You are a bisexual woman and your soul wants to love both women and men, yet your rational mind has always forced you to choose one. You are a free thinker when it comes to your career, social issues, politics, etc., yet you shortchange yourself of life's potential by not exploring alternative relationships that might open up new horizons for you. Explore these issues with a loving, dynamic, multifaceted female/male couple around 30. No commitment and no sales-(wo)man will call, but don't put it off anymore! Remember, what you try may fail—but what you don't try fails automatically... Call ★★1089.

I Don't Really See...

... Why can't we go on as three?! Are you a woman who resents having to alternately give up females and males? Explore the possibilities of a balanced, loving relationship with affectionate bisexual WF, 33, and WM, 27. Let's look into developing a friendship, with an eye to the possibility of an equal partnership in fully integrated, committed, triadic relationship. Please be a playful nonsmoker, very comfortable expressing emotions—and ready to be showered with tenderness and creative romance! We enjoy humor, good communication, creativity, honesty, sensuality, joie de vivre. Interests include: hot springs, gardening, hiking, cooking, sailing, nude recreation, massage, singing, arts, dancing, erotica, science fiction, tropical islands. "Don't dream it—be it!" PO Box 12544, Berkeley 94701 or call ★★1090.

Heterosexual Lover

Wanted by attractive, masculine, in-shape, straight-appearing, 35 y.o., 155#, GBM, for discreet, casual, caring relationship. You: married, masculine, attractive, sensitive, in-shape, affectionate, white male. Call ★★1091.

men

Attractive Asian

Seeks a clean-cut, down-to-earth, HIV- GWM for friendship and safe sexual encounters. No strings attached. I'm healthy, athletic, nonsmoker, 34, HIV-, caring and horny. I'm also sincere and discreet. Please reply to Boxholder, PO Box 283057, SF 94128-3037 or call ★★1130.

Daytime Escapade

Handsome Asian, 32. Athletic, clean, HIV-, would like to meet a healthy, HIV-, nonsmoker, GWM for hot daytime safe sex affair. Married or bi a plus. Please reply to Boxholder, PO Box 347325, SF 94134 or call ★★1131.

Country Rad

Not looking for innocent farmboy or beachboy from down South. Am looking for somebody with a mind as crazy as me, into country talk, mountains, leather, old denim, toys from the hardware store, rubber gear made from old inner tubes, radical safe sleaze (radical country politics, too, if you're into that). 5′7″, 140, 55, 70 miles north of SF. Reply BT Box SP70B or call ★★1132.

Masculine-Muscular-Handsome

Naturally masculine, former competitive powerlifter; 42, 6′, 227, into hard workouts, honest people and still believe I can find the right guy for me. You: naturally masculine, muscular, honest, open, HIV-. Call ★★1133.

Go To The Opera With Me

It's that time of the year again. Opera season started 9/12. GAM, SF Opera season ticket holder (Saturday, balcony circle), seeks companion(s) to go to opera together. Also looking for friends who enjoy classical music, jazz, movies, reading, outdoors, hiking, backpacking, rafting, etc. Prefer but not limited to the Peninsula/South Bay area. Relationship potential. Write PO Box 41423, San Jose 95160-1423.

Flex Your Muscles

WM, 5′6″, 155 lbs., seeks muscular guy of any size into pumping up, oil, mirrors, posing and being admired. Like defined, baseball biceps, pecs, veins, hot legs, armpits. Especially seek Asian bodybuilder into showing off his physique. PO Box 426655, SF 94142 or call ★★1134.

Like Leather But Not S/M?

Leather daddy, late 40s, bearded, trim, distinguished salt & pepper, 6′, seeks shorter, slim boy under 30. You have fantasized about having such a relationship but have been afraid of the S/M connotations. Relax—this daddy isn't into pain, just lots of TLC, daddy-boy stuff and maybe a little light B&D if the boy likes it. Definitely into leather and leather lifestyle. You should like giving head, letting daddy take charge. I am a patient, loving teacher. Call ★★1135.

Berkeley Or SF Younger Bro Wanted

By caring WM, young for 42, 6′2″, 172 lbs., trim, HIV-, blue eyes, cleanshaven. Prefer slim or skinny, nonsmoker, somewhat boyish-looking guy, 18-35, any race. (Asians welcome; others too.) I work in counseling, like movies, meditation, massage, swimming, hugging, occasional mild spanking (optional). Seek friend, brother, possible lover. Plus if you exercise some, don't like bars, not much body hair, are somewhat spiritual. Reply PO Box 210202, SF 94121 or call ★★1136.

Asian Opportunity

If you are looking for a handsome, trim, clean-cut, professional, financial district GWM, who is looking for a sharing relationship, this could be what you have been searching for. Interests include biking, hiking, films, great food, travel and other broadening experiences. Call ★★1137.

Waiting For The Sun

Tall, athletic, prof. GWM, 33, HIV-, not into bar scene, seeks slender relationship-oriented counterpart, 28-40, to share quiet nights at home, fine dining, uninhibited exploration. Latin types a plus. Reply BT Box SP71B or call ★★1138.

Tit Pig

Man with great pecs wants to play with other tit sluts who are into mutual stimulation. Reply BT Box SP72B or call ★★1139.

Top To Bottom

Handsome, masc., GWM, 32, 5′10″, 160 lbs., w/rugged good looks/tattoos, dk brn hair, deep green eyes. Solid, well-maintained med. build. Secure, independent, stable and gainfully employed. Safe in bed, sometimes aggressive and mainly on the top. Very oral. Hot kisses a must. Looking to meet a GWM, 25-45, who is attractive, masculine and has a good outlook on life. If this sounds good, let's connect. Photos please. Will return. Reply BT Box SP73B or call ★★1140.

Leatherclad Biker

GWM, 36, 6′, 180 lbs., dark hair, trim beard, seeks a similar guy in 30s or 40s, into leather, motorcycles and one to one, passionate, adventurous, but safe, man-sex. I'm not into S/M, the leather scene or bars. I ride out of town most weekends. The good, regular company of a genuine, bearded or 'stached guy devoted to leather would help. Letter and photo. Reply BT Box SP74B.

Not The Usual Guy

Seeking the extraordinary... I want a guy who projects confidence, maturity and stability. He could be of Latino descent, is educated and aware politically and socially. He is artistic, creative, sensual, honest and loyal. He loves to cuddle and kiss and doesn't play mind games. He was previously married and raised a family. He seeks a comfortable friendship that could develop into a permanent, passionate love affair. He can be vulnerable. The kind of man I seek is the kind of man I am. I'm 55, 5′8″, 172 lbs., 34″ waist, HIV-, top, with a high sex drive. Still interested? Take a risk if you too want to explore beyond that first night thrill. Call ★★1141.

Elite Spankers Wanted

Native American, 30 yrs old, 5′4″ tall, 130 lbs, likes spanking white, Asian, Latino only, or getting spanked. Under 30. I'm clean, smooth, muscular legs, a runner from Reno-Tahoe area. Let's get together. I travel down to SF 2 times a month. I can take it with pants on or off, over the knee or desk. "How about you?" Reply BT Box SP75B or call ★★1142.

Akbar Seeks Jeff

QWM, 65, 6′, 195, HIV-, healthy, active, curious, easygoing, shy, masculine, retired professional, sensual and caring, seeks lively nonsmoker, kindred spirit for friendship, fun, frolics and what may develop. Any race, age OK. I enjoy books, music, outdoors, long walks, cooking, brewing, theater, travel and the Far Side. Letter and recent photo (returned) get same. Reply BT Box SP76B or call ★★1143.

GBM Cub Seeks GWM Bear

Masculine, bearded, GBM, 31, 6′3″, 220#, HIV-, cub seeks very masculine G/BiWM daddy top bear, 45-65 years old, around 6 ft., solid, burly, big-bellied, 250-300 #; very thick bearded, hairy, blue-collar/trucker/biker/businessman types; bald a plus, HIV-; for male bonding, football watching, etc. Reply w/photo (if possible) to PO Box 21633, Concord 94521.

Literate Boy Scout

I am the Eagle Scout boys dream about—friendly, cheerful, cleanshaven and handsome. 6′, 165, 40. Would like to meet cultured, neat, well-mannered young man. Must be in shape, 25-35, 5′8″ to 6′2″, attractive, bright and HIV+. Letter or photo gets like reply. Reply BT Box SP77B or call ★★1144.

Usted Es Mi Esperanza

I see and feel the passion in your eyes when we pass on the street. You are wanting sex and so am I—but we both want more. You are Hispanic, emotionally available, 30-50 yrs. old, have your life and self together. I am clean-cut, good-looking, young 45, professional, HIV+, 5′7″, 140 lbs., 30″ waist, blond, blue, sexually versatile, romantic, living alone near Mission Dolores, music-loving man. I have a good life and seek someone special to share it. You are not afraid to call or write. No cojones—no esperanza. Reply BT Box SP78B or call ★★1145.

Long-Haired Renaissance Man

Transplanting from East Coast to San Francisco in December. Attractive, 35, 5′9″, 155, gym-toned dancer's build, NS, Italian/Czech. Quiet hazel eyes, luscious lips, warm countenance. Some passions: professional floral design, interior zen gardens, rock-bottom streams, nature trails, neo-classicism, gothic architecture, Cafe Flore, chocolate chip cookies, Butoh, primal drums, Prospero's Books, reading together in bed, falling asleep cuddling, interpreting dreams, castles, Disneyworld, new-thought living, meditation, night owl candlelit conversation, silliness, more cookies. I seek kindred-spirits, artists, musicians, writers, performers, dancers. Especially aroused by slender, healthy, furry bear gentlemen (not hung). Open to nurturing lifemate relationship. Reply BT Box SP79B.

GWM Relatively New to SF...

Originally from Dallas, who's affectionate, sensual, bright, somewhat intense, sensible, playful, energetic, agnostic, precocious, 20, 5′11″, 145, dark blond/blue, smooth, HIV-, not tanned, attractive and a vehement nonsmoker, and enjoys eating, kissing, travel and music (Eartha to Erasure, Pointer Sisters to Pet Shop Boys) is seeking a smart, reasonably articulate and attractive, affectionate, non- or light-drinking GWM or GLM, 18-32, whose maturity at least equals age. Boxholder, 740-A 14th St., Box 217, SF 94114 or call ★★1146.

Silver Haired Seeks Younger

GWM, 55, HIV-, 6′2″, 198, handsome, seeks 28-45, GWM, who likes older men in general and is seeking one in particular. Business owner in the arts, hard-worker, enjoys being alone, with friends, at home or out. Enjoys collecting, travelling, sports, movies, walking and taking advantage of the Bay Area. Send letter and photo. Reply BT Box SP80B.

We've Read It Before

So why doesn't it seem to ring true? We're both still sitting here wondering why we've not been successful at meeting a compatible other (forget "significant" for now). If you too are not creating situations where you can meet others, maybe now's the time to give it a try. I've decided that maybe it is time to meet you—now you need to decide whether you want to meet me. If you are a GWM, under 40, HIV-, literate, conversant, demonstrative, attractive, "out" and live in the City, then we are probably compatible. I am all of the above, plus: 5′8″, 135, 33, blk/brn, over-educated, have a dog, am an avid reader, somewhat bossy, and committed to monogamous, relatively vanilla sex (not to be misconstrued as dull or plain). I am not a "club man" (never have been), am not particularly religious or spiritual, am not muscle bound (but exercise 4 times a week). I am decidedly not PC in all I do and say because I wear cologne and watch BH90210 (alas, no one's perfect). Call ★★1147.

Sweetheart

He's a sweetheart of a friend, and I think he deserves a sweetheart of a lover. He is tall, trim, bearded, 40s, humpy, in that gentle Midwestern way. Softspoken and kind, he's active for social change, travels a bit, runs to keep his figure and is merrily teaching himself to be a computer wiz. He's ready to meet a special guy for long-term love. Call ★★1148.

I Don't Do Windows

Young, cute, fit Asian male, 23, 5′6″, seeks handsome, clean-cut, fit, white guy, 20-29, to top. You heard me. I'm sick of seeing ads from 50-yr-old white men looking for submissive Asian houseboys. Sorry guys, colonialism is over. I'm looking for a nice, hot guy (or two) my age to share fun times and possibly romance. So if you want a mail order bride, call somebody else. But if you'd like to hang out and play with a fun guy, you know the number. Call ★★1149.

Non-Scene: No Past

WM, 21, Ivy League graduate, 5′8″, 135 lbs., cute, highly motivated, straight acting, non-scene, from Catholic background. Seeking WM under 28, HIV-, nonsmoker, large build, nice body, no drugs, straight-acting and good-looking, for a great friendship and possible serious relationship. Call ★★1150.

Sex Only

Hot Latino bottom, seeks Black or Latin sex buddy for daytime fun, 11 am-5 pm, M-F (only). Write: H.L., 1347 Divisadero St., #502, SF 94115 or call ★★1151.

Not The Only One

I am a 27-yr-old professional, new to the Bay Area. I have spent a lot of time focusing on my education and career and waiting for the perfect romance that never happened. I have a lot to share and still believe it's possible to connect with someone. My best qualities: I'm bright, funny, caring, passionate and genuine. Other stats: 5′10″, 145#, light brown hair, hazel eyes, nice-

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looking (even cute occasionally), masculine, thin, fit, HIV-, nonsmoker. Interested? Take a chance. Send photo and letter. Reply BT Box SP81B.

Hot Buns

Latin, 44, 5′5″, 200#, average looking, smoker, beer belly, hairy body. With hot, cock-starved buns that need regular, safe feeding by a white or Latin, beefy topman who wants his beefy cock wrapped around by some hot buns. This is my last ad. I have tried before, but have not been able to find anyone. South Bay area only. Boxholder, 2339 El Camino Real, Box 163-E, Santa Clara 95051 or call ★★1152.

In Suburbia

Handsome, stable, fit, healthy, 40s GWM, East Bay, looking for similar, 40+, GWM, 5′10″ ±, med-beefy, HIV-. You must be available, stable, employed and relationship-oriented. The object —if chemistry—is friendship, courtship, love, marriage. Don't be shy. Serious replies only to PO Box 2155, Dublin, CA 94568 or call ★★1153.

Pen Pal Wanted In San Francisco

GWM, 31, black hair, blue eyes, 5′8″, would like to meet males, ages 27 to 47. If you are interested in acquiring another very close, sincere, honest, best friend, please write. I am educated and successful. I enjoy travel, swimming, hiking, writing letters, romantic dinners and an occasional night out on the town. I also enjoy uniformed men. Boxholder, PO Box 1923, S.L.C., UT 84110.

Playmate And Confidante

Responsible/responsive, masculine East Bay frisk-lover, wants zesty, built, toppish sex buddy who's also willing to share our authentic, less-guarded sides as we gradually build trust. No one term portrays this tall, blond, very toned thinker/wrestler, 37 y.o., nature-hound's vision of our playmate-hood. If you're a potential peer of the flesh & heart, nonsmoker, a trifle boyish-brash, let's play without official label. Call ★★1154.

Synchronicity?

Vigorous, late-40s GWM, seeks same or younger to explore meaningful coincidences together. This sensitive and romantic bottom (son of the South) loves horse racing, honesty, books, integrity. Am nonsmoker but weekend social drinker. 5′11″ and about 220 pounds. Professional, polite, progressive, looking for a relationship, not casual sex. Prefer potential partners/lovers to live in SF. Looks not as important as inner resources. Jungian? HIV+ OK. Call ★★1155.

Professional GWM, 42 y.o., 140 lbs., enjoys travel, music, theater, nature, dining out, hiking, beach, reading, etc. Seeking GWM/GAM, masculine, 25-40, Bay Area, financially and emotionally stable, with similar interests for friendship & dating. No drugs. Prefer masculine & weight in proportion. Please reply BT Box SP82B or call ★★1156.

Friendship

Asian, 40 yrs. old, 5′9″, husky, looking for friends who are sincere, honest and kind. N/D, not into bars. Age, race unimportant as long as you have sense of humor. Please reply to PO Box 590602, SF 94159 or call ★★1157.

Caring Lover

Professional, 50, visually challenged Ph.D., ready for long-term commitment with compatible GM, 39-56. I like music, writing, film, theater, dance, beaches, dining, massage, long weekends, unhurried sex. No smoke, drugs. Social drinker, 5′7″, 135 lbs., moustache, trim, intelligent, artistic, intuitive, empathetic, involved in art education, rehabilitation of newly blind. You're fit, educated, dog lover, voting for Clinton-Gore, HIV-, content with career and friends, seeking special companion for relaxed, private, monogamous, deeply intimate life. Social consciousness earns bonus points. Photo appreciated. Reply BT Box SP83B.

Reel Me In

I'm a great catch, but where are the fishermen? Sexy, successful, smart, healthy, very attractive, 35 y.o., looking for guys, 30-40, with good looks and great energy. At home at Colossus or concertos, Verdi or volleyball. HIV-, versatile. Cast your line & maybe I'll bite it. Call ★★1158.

Awake & Aware, Open-Minded, Open-Hearted

East Bay GWM, artistic, spiritual, humorous, fun-loving, good-looking, available, healthy, 35, seeks partner for adventurous, nurturing good times sharing body, mind and spirit. Interests: nature, beaches, bicycling, gardening, traveling, holistics, bodywork, exploring, art, music, communicating, cuddling and sex with affection. You: compatible, attractive, healthy, easygoing, honest, communicative, passionate, compassionate, spiritual, available. Open to friend, lover or mate... let's talk. Call ★★1159.

Erotic Intimacy & More

Man, 50, short, sensual, safe, sane & stimulating, seeks independent, responsible, HIV- friends with luscious, sexy, smooth bottom that is open and receptive to good times. Let's get it on, get it in, live the dance of passion with zeal, affection & tender care. Write, send a picture if you like. I'm in Russian River & East Bay. Boxholder, PO Box 144, Graton, CA 95444 or call ★★1160.

Whole Life Access

Young, 45, professional GWM, widower, 6′1″, br/bl, HIV-, active, seeks prince. You: ±40-50, sensual, masculine, sensitive, big-hearted and honest. Things to enjoy together: vigorous walks, countryside England, Vivaldi, clean sheets, photographing Yosemite, Oberammergau, reading in the quiet company of your lover, dinner with friends, Berlioz, bike rides, yard work, Dordogne, B&B getaways, houseguests, beachcombing, Firenza, falling asleep in the arms of someone you love. Box 4307, Napa 94558.

A Jenny Craig Hit List

Is where I may end up for this, but I'm fine just as I am! GBM, 32, 5′8″, 330 lbs., good health (NS, ND, HIV-), active sex drive (GP, FA/P), good friends and family, low-paying, sucky job, but I have one! Attractive (I'm told), varied interests. All I'm missing is someone special, GM (white or Latin pref.), top, 30-45, sense of humor, affectionate, reciprocal, intelligent. Call ★★1161.

Asian Cock Wanted

GWM, 39, 5′11″, wants horny Asian(s) for fuck buddy. Asian cocks deserve my special attention. Let me take care of your hard cock. I'm versatile. You can be top or bottom or ??? What turns you on? Fuck me, fuck you, suck me, suck you! Seek Asian to get together with on regular (weekly, more?) basis. PO Box 25333, San Mateo 94402. (Photo?) Call ★★1162.

Romance

A candlelit dinner, wine, intimate conversation, wine, flirtatious glances, sensuous messages... describes my ideal evening. Bright, sensuous, vivacious, witty, gym-toned, good-looking, HIV-, 36 y.o. WM, with a ready smile, infectious laugh, engaging blue eyes, seeks serious romantic. Call ★★1163.

Great Ass, Nice Guy

Virgo, GWM, 6′, 165#, 32 y.o., br/gr, Fr/It descent. Endowed, mod. hairy, masc., FrA/P, mostly G/P, responsible and stable. Looking for compatible partner who is well-endowed, responsible, mature, masc., musc., preferably smooth or little body hair, non-effeminate. Not into heavy drugs or head games, age 21-40. Sonoma County. Descriptive letter and photo (returned) to PO Box 310, Monte Rio 95462 or call ★★1164.

Let's Have Fun And...

Cute Asian/Latin, 24, 5′5″, nice build with nice buns, seeks clean-cut, versatile, attractive white male (straight, bi, gay), 23-32, who prefers being on top, to be friends, buddies or more. Like to run, bike, walk, tennis, movies, cafes, musicals, ballet, theater and, of course, hot sex. Please be sincere and good-looking. Give me a try! Call ★★1165.

Peninsula Asian Cocksucker

37 y.o., husky, 200 lbs., Hawaiian-Filipino, likes giving white guys under 40 free head. Loves hairy-chested guys, but not necessary. So lay back or stand while on my knees. Have car, will travel. Boxholder, PO Box 50861, Palo Alto 94303 or call ★★1166.

Kinky Party Guys

Mid-30s GWM, muscular, 6′, 185, seeks other party dudes into a variety of scenes—fantasies, groups, bondage, sleaze, role-plays, toys, head-trips. I'm probably up for most scenes. Call & let me know what you're into. Let's get down and nasty together and live out some of your secret desires. Call ★★1167.

Stud Of My Own

Interested in meeting sincere, hot, young guy, 18-25, who's drawn to sexy WM, mid-30s, with bedroom eyes, charisma and model good looks. Like kissing, J/O, buttplay and getting my hunky ass pumped by the right guy. Am HIV- and so are you. Am also independent, bright, tender, very unusual and seeking similar. Response with photo (returned with one of mine) to PO Box 20933, Oakland 94620.

Little Brother Wanted

Warmhearted GWM, youthful 42, 6′2″, 172 lbs., trim, cleanshaven, blue eyes, HIV-, counselor, seeks slim to skinny, somewhat boyish-looking guy, 18-32, for brother or possible boyfriend. Plus if some of the following (not required): fairly non-hairy, enjoy exercise, nonsmoker, not into bars, somewhat shy, spiritual outlook. Some interests: movies, massage, Asian culture, Spanish, mild spanking. Any race OK. Reply PO Box 210202, SF 94121.

Asian Seeks Discreet Friendship

Busy Asian-American professional seeks discreet friendship with a GWM, late-30s to 40s, who is friendly, honest, sincere, HIV-. I'm a young-looking 43-year-old, 5′6″, 140 lbs. Interests include cooking, classical music, architecture, home remodeling. Prefer someone residing in San Francisco. Call ★★1168.

Flash!

Amateur photographer in advanced class seeks subjects for his portrait portfolio. I will be happy to show you in advance samples of the quality of my work. Let's be creative together in capturing your personality and thoughts on film. To say "Thank You," I'll give you a couple of enlargements. You'll have access to all the negatives. It's strictly between you and me. Reply BT Box SP84B or call ★★1169.

East Bay

GWM, 35-yr-old, looking for someone to be safe with, and enjoy a good evening together. HIV-, FA/P, G/P, some G/A, and losing my hair! If you're 18-35 years old, any race, enjoy being with another "regular" guy, get in touch and we will see what happens. If you write, send a picture. If you call, leave a good description of yourself and what you like. Reply BT Box SP85B or call ★★1170.

Queer Tantra

Bright, funny, progressive, cute, thin, QJM, early-30s, wants to explore homotantra with a compatible boy (all ages). I like my sex and my relationships intimate and ecstatic. Let's breathe together, bond together, and touch each other consciously. Who knows where it will take us? Call ★★1171.

Save A Type A

GWM (28, in-shape, professional) is seeking a reason to leave work early. Theater, bookstore-browsing, running, opera, choral music, chess-playing, gallery-strolling, or cuddling while watching MacNeil-Lehrer would work for me if I had the right man to share the evening with. (We may even find something more interesting to do...) A GM, 25-35, bright, witty, closet romantic, would be great incentive. Call ★★1172.

Hot Top Needed

Very good-looking WM needs his tits pinched and his hole punched. 50, 5′10″, s/p, blue eyes, 170#, great hairy chest/back, erect tits, shapely legs, firm ass, HIV-. Master cuddler, kisser, who loves fucking and sucking. You're a 20- to 40-year-old, in-shape top, NS, HIV-. Married 1st timers welcome. Photo/phone to: Boxholder, 2215-R Market St., Box 169, SF 94114 or call ★★1173.

Young Bondage Enthusiast

GWM student looking for others, 18-35, who want to explore bondage. I have an extensive collection of toys made of rubber, iron, canvas, leather and wood. If you are white, Asian or Latin and want to explore your ideas and fantasies please call. You've seen me at the Stud and Pleasuredome, now see me in a different light. No S/M or torture. Take a chance. Call ★★1174.

Take A Chance

There must be men out there wanting friends/relationships but not doing anything about it. GWM, 35, professional, 6′, 160 lbs., HIV-, seeks slender GWM/GHM, 28-38, HIV-, wide range of interests, not into gay scene, relationship-oriented. I enjoy travel, music, hiking, gardening, good food and wine, exploring all the events and sights the Bay Area offers. Let's talk. Call ★★1175.

Cuddling Required

Very hairy, 33-yr-old GWM, bearded, br/br, thinning, hair on back, 190, 5′11″, seeks cuddler. Interests include: square dancing, skiing, horseback riding, art galleries, film, theater, acting, beach walks, phone talks, kissing, city walks and traveling. I'm serious, playful, shy, outgoing, demonstrative, introspective and gregarious. You: any race, slim or slender, 25-37, communicative, self-aware, romantic, compassionate and ready. Call ★★1176.

Unconventional Single Queer Boy

Attractive, 30ish, looking for intimate relationship. I'm a graphic artist (Macintosh, conventional) with a passion for alternative radio & music. I love rock (old & new), rap, Irish music, just to name a few. Looking for good conversation & someone relaxed & having a great sense of humor. Last but not least is hot sex. Take a chance. Call ★★1177.

Elf Seeks Elf

Gay male elf, 5′11″, 150#, 27, seeks same for adventures. Interests include: astrology, metaphysics (Crowley to Zen), D&D, writing, reading (SF&F), Star Trek, Dr. Who, paganism and other weirdness. Foibles include smoking (planning to quit—someday), aversion to body maintenance (also planning to work out—someday) and occasional lassitude. Please call if you share any of these interests (or foibles). (Hobbits, Vulcans and other non-humans also welcome.) Call ★★1178.

Handsome, Masc., Built Man Of Color

Classical-rock 'n' roll & rap-country paradoxically describes this mature, 6′2″, 210#, gym-toned, very straight-looking & masculine man in his late-20s. The diverse range in the music paragon merely attempts to identify the unique qualities & interests of this yet-to-be-discovered, dark-skinned, Afro-American/Cherokee Indian & Irish mix. My wit will keep you in stitches, my intellect on your toes & my muscles in sanctuary. Seeking masculine man with similar qualities. Call ★★1179.

Prisoner, SWGM

28 yrs. old, blue eyes, brown hair, attractive, educated. Interests include: writing, poetry, art, various music, outdoors. Seeking serious male for friendship & possible relationship. This person must share the same qualities that I possess. Sensible, honest, adventurous, home life, sensitive, caring, honest and romantic. Come on, give me a chance, you won't regret it. No head-games! Will answer all, but a loose stamp will get you a quicker response. Any age is welcome to respond. Write to: J.H. 19117, PO Box 1989 (ESP), Ely, NV 89301.

Sincere And Caring

Slim GM, 28, 5′8″, 145 lbs., black hair and brown eyes, handsome, college educated, seeks GM, 25-35 years, attractive, bright, healthy mind/spirit, 5′8″ or above, in good shape. Trust, mutual respect, similar values/interests are important. ! value: intellectual/emotional/spiritual growth and maturity; love; friendship; community. My interests: theater, music, entertaining friends. Call ★★1180.

White Seeks Black

Good-looking, built, white man wants to make love with a big Black man who likes to be on top. I'm 6 ft., 200 lbs., muscular, hairy chest, smooth butt. If you're the right man, I'll be real good to you. Call ★★1181.

GAM Seeks GWM

Good-looking Japanese male, young 41, 5′10″, 135 lbs., Cancer, HIV-, art, movies and travel interests, caring and romantic, looking for a similar GWM, 35-50, for a possible boyfriend. Please tell me about yourself in detail. Call ★★1182.

Real Time

Well-assembled, with it, QWBoy, wants to meet a fellow alternate, cute corporate or buffed Biff guyfriend for friendship, mayhem, hanging, 25-35 open, race open, creative, expressive, not superficial. I am slim, short hair, 5′8″, 135, pierced, tattooed, working class, student, artist, into the real world, variations of it, and places outside of it. Have diversified musical and artistic tastes: sensual, spiritual, sharp. Communicate your side. Reply BT Box SP86B or call ★★1183.

Wanted: Bottom In Top's Body

You're tall, muscular to overbuilt (beefy!), hostile-looking, moustache, fur, 30-45, masculine, aggressive bottom. You're always mistaken for a top—if not a straight construction worker or trucker. I'm 30, 6′, well-defined, athletic build, thick 9″, dark hair, 'stache, killer eyes, 100 percent hot, aggressive top. We know we can have any man we choose... so let's try each other! Call me, you beefstud. Woof! Call ★★1184.

Looking For Heart And Hair

Good-looking, Itln/Gr/Fr, GWM, 5′11″, 165#, HIV-, hzl eyes, dark hair, seeks dominant, hairy daddy guy, HIV-, 35-45, to 210#, 5′10″+, who knows what he wants and can tell me about it. Engage me in an authentic situation with potential for ongoing fulfillment. Nothing less than an open, honest, rich connection. Photo a must to: Boxholder, PO Box 3163, SF 94119.

Lethargic potentate, HIV+, 5′10″, 150 lbs., brn/brn, beard, 41, smoker, hairy, top. Surrender name, # & description to warrant notification. Call ★★1185.

Truth, Trust, Lust

Elusive romantic, slightly cynical, seeks less than love, more than once—confident, confused, pensive, shy, intelligent, artistic, intense, handsome (sometimes even stunning), dark, spirited, out, passionate, restless, urban, soft core, real, poetic, light, physical, imperfect, human, masculine (not straight acting), sexual, unashamed, no scenes, trips or fetishes. 27, 6′2″, 180 lbs., Italian/Hungarian descent, Sagittarius. You: similar "individual," no substance abusers or smokers. Letter with photo preferred (will return photo). Call ★★1186.

To Life!

I am an ageless Black man who is comfortable with the rhythms of life in nature... I know the divine unity from which I sprang and simply wish to play with you in the palace of the gods while I am here; my tall form to mingle with your tall form in blissful unity to celebrate the distances we have traveled. We are both HIV- and over 30. Call ★★1187.

Hungry Top

Masculine, early 50s, 5′10″, 180, short hair, beard, balding, hairy, uncut. Looking for big-dicked buddy, bottom or versatile, who gets off on the feel of a hard dick up his butt and likes to chow down on uncut meat. Age, looks, bod not important. Tite butt, open smile, masculine attitude are. Reply BT Box SP87B or call ★★1188.

Making Love To Chris Isaak

Music is one of my favorite things. Frisky, friendly, healthy, affectionate gay man, 6′, 170 lbs., blond crewcut, seeks new buddies for easygoing friendship & fun. I'm sensitive, sexual, communicative and playful. Nice body, great smile, laughs a lot. Looking for similar, my size. Open to relationship. How about connecting with quality? Men of color encouraged, white boys too. Write to PO Box 882872, SF 94188.

Sound Mind And Body

GWM, 44, 5′10″, 186 lbs., ripped and muscular, BB, HIV+, masculine, bright, handsome, versatile top, seeks attractive, intelligent, fit GBM for cuddly affection, exploration, sexual kinship and maybe more. Let's hear your wishes and see if we can make a tight fit. Let's talk. Call ★★1189.

I Left My Heart In SF!

Well, not really, but I'm hoping to find it during my vacation visit (9/27 to 10/4). I'm an attractive, 27 y.o., professional, hoping to capture the romance, the culture and energy of this wonderful city. If you're a young, attractive, self-confident professional who would enjoy showing me your SF, consider responding. Reply BT Box SP88B or call ★★1190.

What Do I Want?

I don't know! However, I do know that to limit you by a list of desired characteristics would probably mean that you would not satisfy me. You only matter to me in relation to the rest of you—your personality, your thoughts and your ambitions. We are so much more than height, weight, build and HIV-status! Agree? Intrigued? Let's talk more. Reply BT Box SP89B or call ★★1191.

Inner Beauty Essential

Caring, classic musician/teacher, "INFP" artist-type, healthy mind/body, seeks devoted partner who can reciprocate high ideals. Important: friendship first, HIV-, thoughtful, integrity, aware, adaptable, intuitive, healthy, secure, compassionate, unconditional, non-egocentric, balance, love of self/others/beauty, philosophical, young at heart, spontaneous. Enjoy: talking, psychology, shared experiences, music(-making), dining, animals, walks, quiet times, writing, exploring. GWM, young 44, 123#. PO Box 1551, Cupertino 95015 or call ★★1192.

Calling All Tops

Looking to share good-looking, submissive bottoms with hot tops. Activities include verbal domination, bondage, body worship, watersports. Tops must be good-looking, well-built and under 35 to qualify. Interested? Call ★★1193.

Tall GWM Sought By

Trim, 28 y.o., GBM, who is very good-looking, but no fabricated pretty boy. Charismatic, funny, but not obnoxious. Warm, sensitive but strong, supportive, mature, educated yet earthy, unpretentious. Active, socially adept with private, shy streak. Fit runner but no mindless jock. Confident, but I have normal doubts and uncertainties. Are you similarly balanced, between the ages of 30-40, who understands a good relationship takes effort, understanding and commitment. Seriously. Call ★★1194.

Hugs And Kisses Come First

Shy, honest, sincere, attractive GWM, 40, 6′5″, 200 lbs., top, seeks attractive GWMs, 25-40, for possible relationship. My arms hold what the world lacks. This teddy bear seeks cubs. If you're looking for a quickie, don't reply. Interests include working out, music, cabaret (Sharon McNight), plays and concerts. Be willing to make that second date possible. Once isn't enough. Call now, please. Call ★★1195.

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term, committed, monogamous relationship with a man who knows how to communicate, how to be vulnerable, how to be a best friend, how to be loving, and how to say I love you in ways other than words. I'm 32 years old, 6'2", 183 lbs., medium blond hair, blue eyes, very affectionate, easygoing, shy and quiet. I enjoy travel (especially Hawaii), movies, bicycling, C&W dancing (slow dances are the best!), walks, dining out, and romantic, quiet times at home. If all this sounds good to you, then write me a letter and tell me about yourself. Photo appreciated. Reply BT Box SP90B.

A Regular Joe

Am I an endangered species here in SF? I'm 32, 5'9", 145#, cleanshaven, with a smooth, tight, somewhat defined body. I feel like I take good care of myself by not drinking or smoking or doing drugs of any kind. I work out, play sports, am musically inclined and make sure I get lots of rest when needed. I'm also very stable with a solid set of Midwestern values, yet consider myself to be open-minded and willing to try new experiences. I tend to reject the typical gay scene of bars, dance clubs and crowded meat markets, but like the fact that they're here and available if the urge strikes. I'm a passionate, considerate and genuine individual and love to laugh and spend quality time with people I have true affection and mutual respect for. If you are, like me, between 28-35, are HIV-, a nonsmoker, have similar interests and would like to connect, give me a ring. Pluses for short guys with big dicks (my one weakness) and for regular, masculine, non-weird guys. Call ★★1196.

Latin

Very handsome, very built, masculine, straight-acting man, 29, 5'10", 165, serious gym person, fitness person, intelligent, visiting area monthly, looking to meet men (similar age and type). Not looking to meet San Francisco atypical gay men. Masculine, white bodybuilders preferred. Call ★★1197.

The Real Thing

HIV+, fun, romance, adventure, love, healing, spirituality, quality, endurance, strength, wisdom, hope, dreams, desires, fulfillment, passion. If this turns you on, then call. I would like to talk with you! Call ★★1198.

Slim Asian Wanted

Warm WM, youthful 42 years, 6'2", 175 lbs., trim, cleanshaven, blue eyes, HIV-, seeking warm-hearted, slim to skinny Asian, 19-35, for boyfriend or possible lover. I'm nonsmoking, affectionate, good listener, healthy. Plus if you have some interest in exercise, are foreign born, somewhat shy and don't like bars. Reply Boxholder, PO Box 210202, SF 94121-0202.

Strictly Uninhibited J/O

Tall, slender, hung GWM, enjoys good J/O with same. Exhibitionism, voyeurism, nude or not. Solo or group. An afternoon of relaxed masturbation and conversation? A quickie after work? An evening watching TV (regular or otherwise)? You watching me? Vice versa? Us watching them? Vice versa? No one watching anyone? Verbal and over 35 a+, but not essential. Call ★★1199.

Artistic Football Player Type

Handsome GWM, 6', 33, HIV-, muscular (works out daily), large framed, 220#, successful artist, seeks companion. I enjoy kissing, laughing, cooking, classical literature & vocal music, old movies and exploring new cultural horizons. I also enjoy making love with my hot, masculine buddy for hours at a time. I seek another passionate, affectionate, good-natured, intelligent, muscular GWM. Send photo/letter. Call ★★1200.

The Land Of Enchantment

Santa Fe artist, attractive, Italian, 40, 6', 180#, healthy, nonsmoker, seeks another responsible friend or lover to share living spaces in San Francisco & Santa Fe part of the year. I have a charming adobe, yard, fireplace, parking, art studio, massage studio, near the plaza. Enjoy bicycling, opera, cowboys, Indians, fleamarkets, massage. Let's share the magic! Photo. Write PO Box 9543, Santa Fe, NM 87504 or call ★★1201.

Party Between My Legs

Hot WM stud digs cola, seeks cockslave to get me ripped and jack me off for hours, suck my dick, play with my balls, etc. I'm boyishly masculine, handsome, cleanshaven, 6'1", 165, 30 yrs., brn hair, grn eyes, hung 8½ & thick cut, nice 'shroom head, thick handful/mouthful, even when soft. Enthusiasm, endurance, party supply, generosity, more important than looks. Call me when it snows! Call ★★1202.

You Are Asian

I am GWM, 44, 5'8½", 160 lbs., hunky, dark hair, moustache, stable professional. Interests include ethnic food, theater and international pop charts. We both are attractive, passionate, romantic. If you are early-20s to mid-30s and are looking for a caring, attentive friend, call ★★1203.

Good Opportunity

Masculine, sometimes dominant GWM seeks emotionally/financially stable guy, 21-40, any race. I'm straight-acting professional, 54, 6', 207, HIV-, trim beard, moustache, moderately hairy. We're affectionate, honest, non-bar types, who don't smoke or use drugs and drink rarely. You have an optimistic outlook, sense of humor, the quality of humility, and care about others. Shy, inexperienced OK. Call ★★1204.

Cornhusker In Training

This Nebraska-bred guy has been playing the field long enough and is ready to tackle a relationship. I'm 35, attractive, 5'11", 160, sandy blond, in shape, with a theater background. If you're attractive, emotionally healthy, don't drink, a little vulnerable and have personality not pretense, contact me, we'll engage in a scrimmage and see if we're ready for the big leagues. Reply BT Box SP91B or call ★★1205.

There Is Someone For Everyone

WM, 41, 5'10", 165 lbs., dark hair, green eyes, bearded, hairy, seeks a loving relationship with another WM, 30-50, who is sensitive, secure, romantic, intelligent. I enjoy kissing, cuddling, J/O, massage, light spanking. I'm attracted to bearded, shorter, hairy men, but open to all who seek a loving, supportive relationship with someone special. Photo, letter to PO Box 424771, SF 94142-4771 or call ★★1206.

Friends Wanted

Mexican guy, 18, 5'10", 155, would like to meet white or other Latino males under 35 for friendship or more. You, like myself, must be honest, not into drugs and HIV-. East Bay, inexperienced and cleanshaven guys a+, but not necessary. I like all kinds of music, going out and learning foreign languages and about other people's culture. Call ★★1207.

Blond, Dirty Blond, Redheads Freckles, Defined, Hairy?

Me: smooth, tanned, defined, musc., bubble butt, HIV-, East Bay, let's get romantic and friendly. Call ★★1208.

Asian Gerontophile?

I'm a GWM, 60s, educated, retired professional, with serious interests, quiet lifestyle. Not into gay scene. Earnestly seeking GAM living in SF for ongoing friendship, shared activities including—but not confined to—sex. I'm sincere, caring, affectionate. You are too. You don't have to be handsome, gym-toned, extremely young. Do be genuine, stable, well-adjusted. Smoke, light alcohol, OK. No drugs, please. May we talk soon? Call ★★1209.

Sharks Fan Wanted

Professional, financialiy stable, GWM, 49, HIV-, looking for straight-acting, financially secure GWM to go to hockey games. I have the tickets. You are under 25-45, a bottom, non-drug user, spiritual, into beach, scuba, travel, theater, quiet nights together, homebody who likes cuddling, mild bondage and to laugh. Call ★★1210.

Grizzly Adams Family

Masculine but affectionate Grizzly Adams, bearded type daddy, HIV-, baby beer belly, straight-acting, sports fan, seeks younger cubs to cuddle, domesticate, teach safe sex in the woods. Live in South Bay but will travel for the right cubbie. Photo and phone to PO Box 722, Campbell, CA 95009, for immediate response or call ★★1211.

East Bay Day Play

Good-looking, very muscular, 40-year-old GWM, HIV-, seeks partner for afternoon delights of mutual ass play, cocksucking and J/O. I'm 5'11", 200 solid pounds, blond, balding with a hairy chest and stomach. I'm attracted to small and smooth men but your desire to please more important than looks or age. Work and school only leave me afternoons to play. Call ★★1212.

Scholarly Wit

GWM, 44, 5'9", 165 lbs., natural musculature, blue eyes, brown hair, beard, hirsute, nonsmoker, monogamous, humorous intellectual; Sinophile, Francophile, Ailurophile, polyglot, avid reader, opera nut; seeks GAM of compatible interests and temperament to my age for passions of the cut sleeve. Glasses and absolute detestation of rock music a distinct plus. Reply BT Box SP92B or call ★★1213.

Love & Happiness

Hasting's Law student in wheelchair with slight speech impediment, but with high self-esteem, seeks courageous, adventurous, athletic, spiritual guy who truly loves himself, for a dynamic and vibrant relationship. I enjoy travel and all the good things in life. If you are serious and excited about the possibility of a fruitful, long-lasting relationship, let's meet. PO Box 4607, Berkeley 94704 or call ★★1214.

Sailor Seeks Relationship

To share the freedom aboard my 45 ft. sailboat and help me continue the perfect Bay Area natural lifestyle. I'm 40, 5'11", 170, fit, HIV- and ready to bond with a young man who has an unfulfilled sense of adventure. No experience necessary, just the will to learn, a hunger to explore and the desire for a monogamous relationship. Captain, 1001 Bridgeway, Box 428, Sausalito 94965 or call ★★1215.

Serious Oral Service

Sought. I'm hung, horny and hungry for hot head. Body: 5'9", brown, blue, moustache, 165 lbs., 48, and very well-hung. Mind: many interests, culture and nature, masks and face, words and the world, fantasies and flesh. You: a man of passion and originality, hairy chest and dark hair a plus. Hot licks, lewd talk, rolls in the hay. Seek sexual friendship, open to more. Call ★★1216.

College Student Seeks Buddy

WM, 21, college student, a little shy, seeks men around my age for get togethers. Enjoy the out-of-doors, hiking, etc., but also like urban adventures. Am 5'10", 165 lbs., br/bl, trim and fit, HIV-, and well-hung. Please include photo with reply. Live in East Bay. Reply BT Box SP93B.

Autumn Romance And Beyond

Affectionate and demonstrative, stable and communicative young 41-year-old, 5'10½", 160 lbs., dark brown curly hair, green eyes, trim beard, hairy, seeks energetic man who is comfortable with intimacy, sensitive to the feelings of others. I have a healthy lifestyle (natural foods, no drugs), varied interests (esp. languages, current events, modern European culture), good (sometimes crazy) sense of humor, am very oral. Call ★★1217.

Un Latino Con Mucho Carino

Third time's a charm. Here I am writing another ad. I'm a firm believer that unless you keep trying, you'll never know what you could have had. Trying for what? To meet quality friends, sincere, honest and know what open & honest communication is all about. This gay Latino (according to my best friend) is "simple & sweet." I'm 6 ft., 190 lbs., financially & emotionally stable. I enjoy walks, beaches, dancing & being real. Seeking someone 18-35, serious about life & their future. If this sounds like you, write PO Box 7191, Napa 94558 or call ★★1218.

Attractive Latin/Asian

I'm 34 y.o., part Latin, part Asian, 5'8", 145 lbs., HIV-, cleanshaven, smooth, handsome, healthy, Ivy League educated, professional, shy, uncomplicated. Am also a movie buff, bicyclist, and work out regularly. Seeking a monogamous relationship with someone who's 20-45, sincere, and has a good sense of humor. Write or call me and let's cuddle up in front of the fireplace, kiss and... Reply BT Box SP94B or call ★★1219.

Wacky? Weird? Wonderful!

Queer white male, 28, 5'8", 185 lbs., hairy body, sometimes bearded, green eyes, glasses, long-ish brown hair, several tattoos, seeks possible primary partner who's interested in: art, sex, modern rock to German lieder, shopping, shoes, performance, conversation, coffee, intimacy, kissing, touching, movies, Almodovar, Itami, Fellini, etc. I've no preconceptions about race, size or age, as long as you feel good about yourself. Call ★★1220.

HIV+ Seeks Same

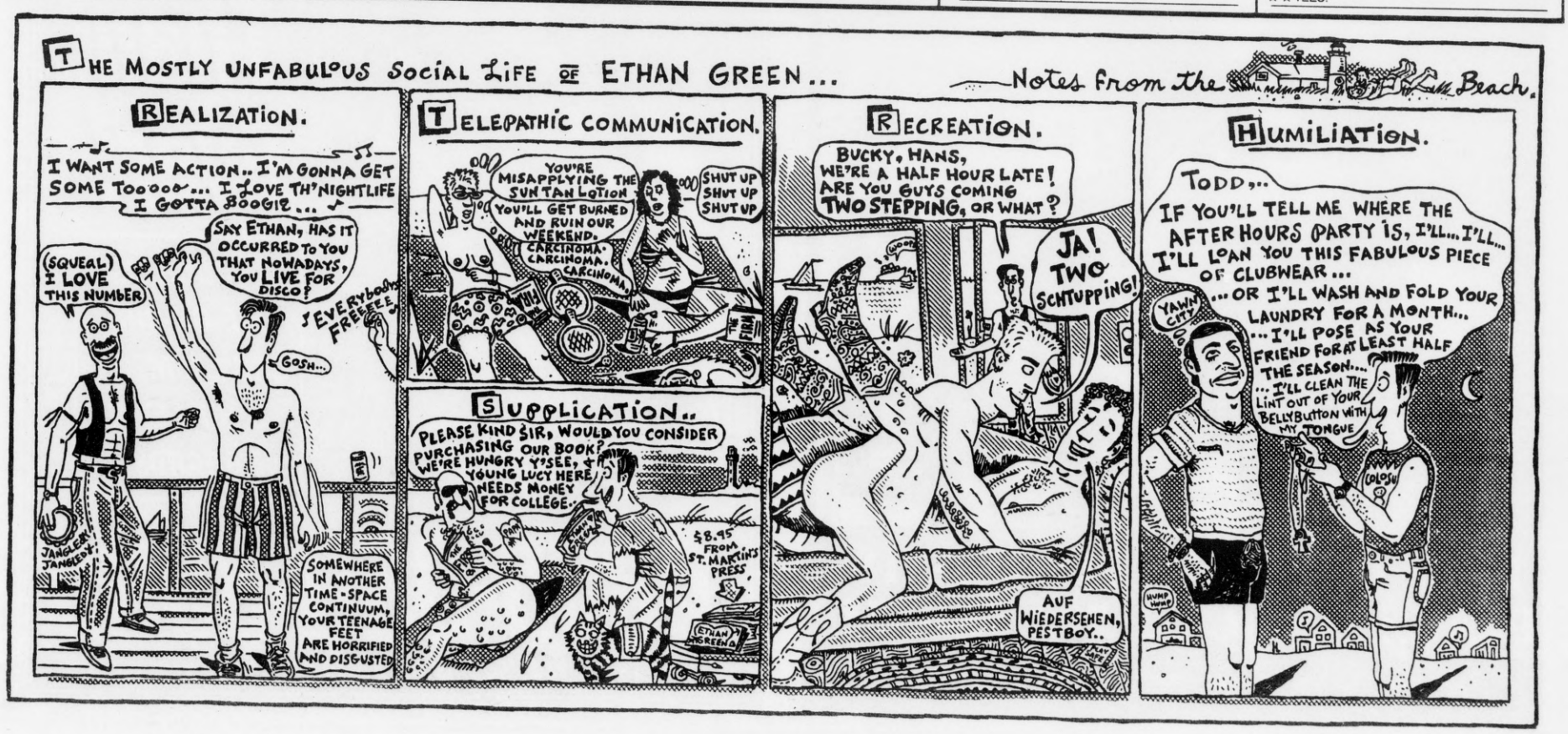
Not "other half"—I'm already whole. 32 long blond, blue eyes, 160 lbs., 5'9", found happiness w/o drugs or alcohol, seeks arrogant optimistic WM similar age. I'm looking for more than sex. To you, "nelly or butch" is not an issue. You prefer top, occasional bottom. Ideally a great kisser, insatiable appetite for snuggling, love sleeping in. This is it. Call ★★1221.

Friends/Lover

Looking for friends and one special one, Mr. Right. It may be you if you are sincere, honest and willing to commit. I like all the things the other ads repeat over and over again: outdoors/indoors, movies, good food, men, their bodies, their ideas, our struggle to achieve happiness. We are fit, romantic, HIV-, around 30. Persona more important than type. Photo/letter or call. Reply BT Box SP95B or call ★★1222.

HIV+ Seeks HIV+

GWM, 30, 5'9", 125 lbs., dark hair/eyes, very handsome, non-clone, independent, sks G or Bi male with heart, wit, sense of humor, for dating. HIV+ or PWA under 35 preferred. Looking for friendship, developing into more. I like the outdoors, movies, art, cooking & most sports. Call ★★1223.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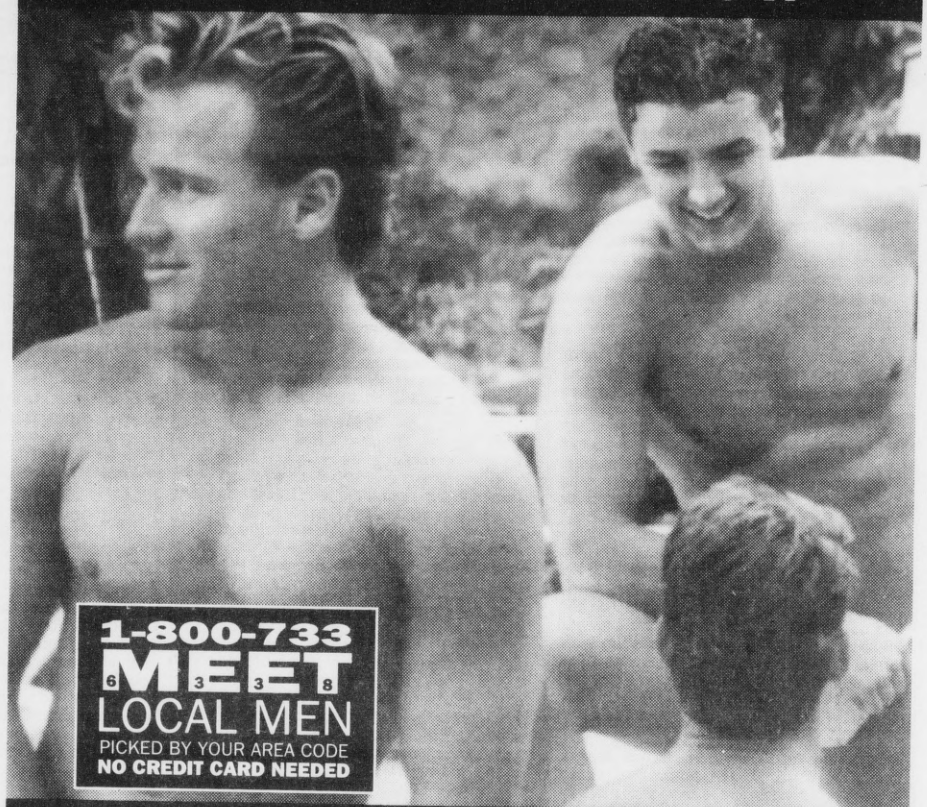

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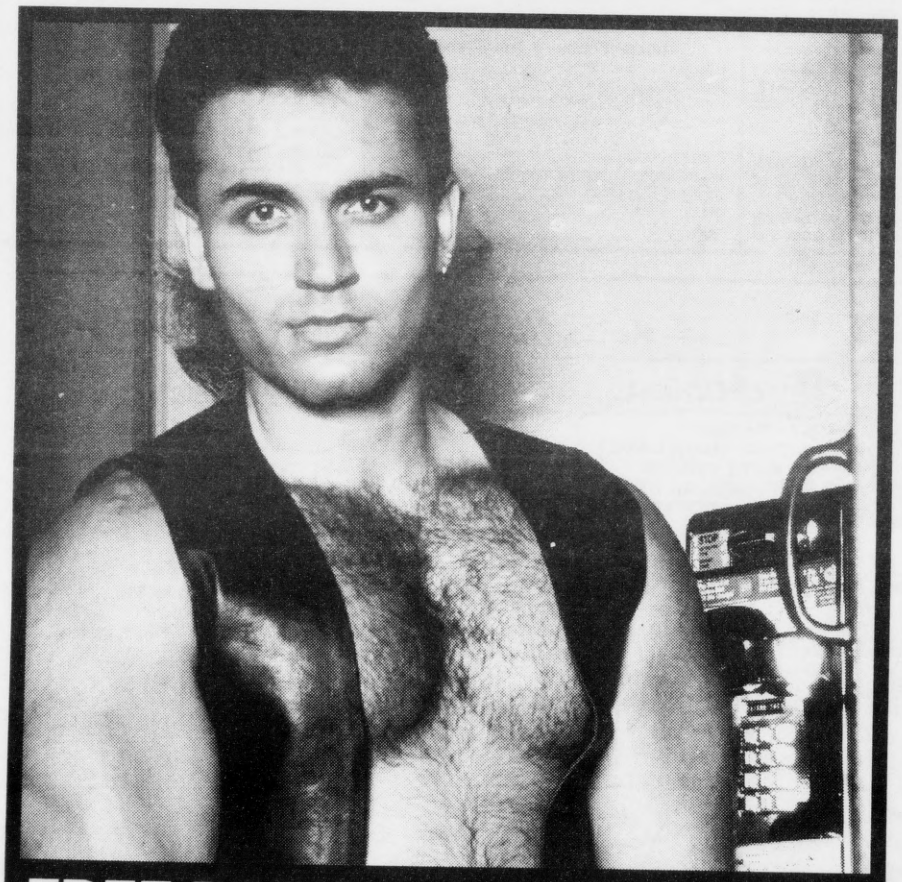

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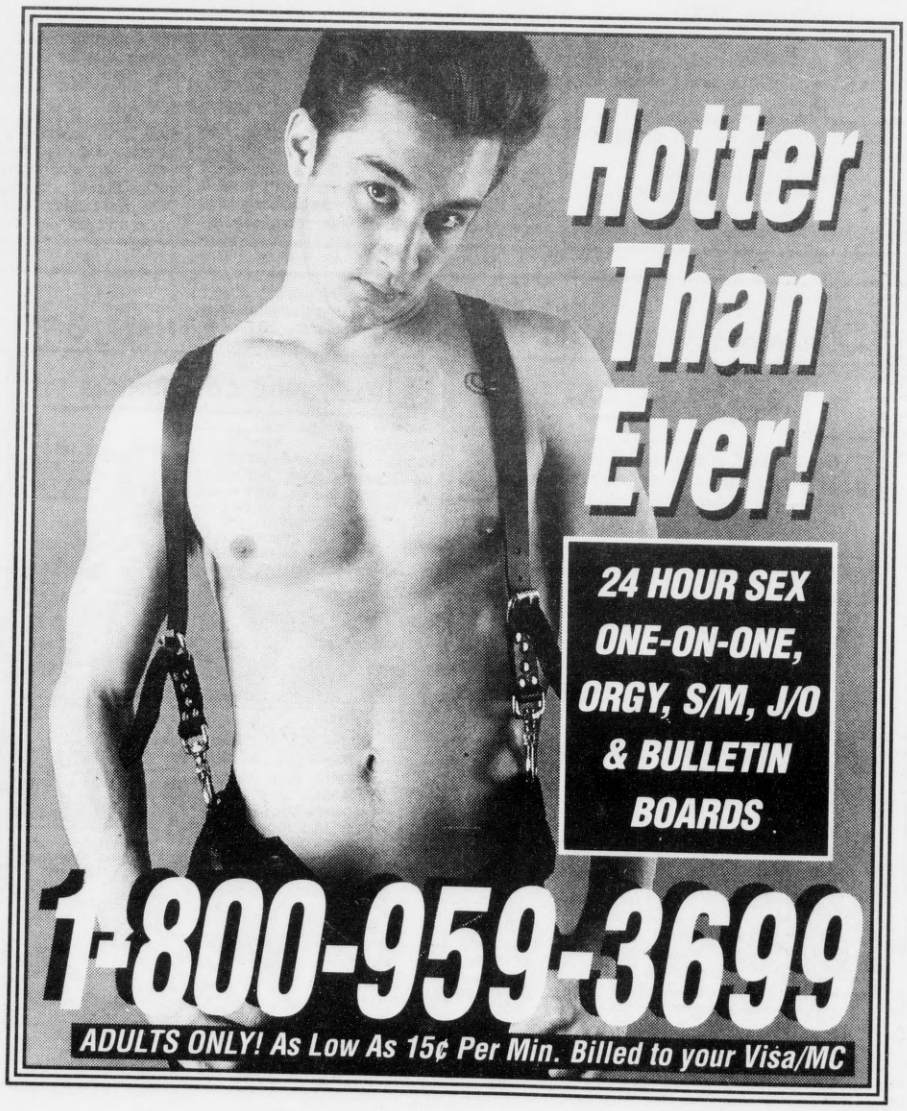
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Young Asian, nice looking, mature, romantic, enjoy life, laughter, art, music, reading, sports, outdoors, quiet or wild evening, intelligent conversation, real and sweaty sex. If you are Caucasian/Latino, 25-40, nice build, affectionate, romantic, hairy, moustache, muscular a plus. Masculine top/bottom, fascinated about rough/leather sex, let's fall asleep in each other's arms. PO Box 18053, San Jose 95158 or call ★★1224.

Relationship Wanted
Good-looking GWM, 6 ft., 175, dark hair, blue eyes, 38 y.o. top, seeks younger GM, good-looking bottom, 22-32. Let's meet, fall in love and enjoy life together. Call ★★1225.

Safe Can Be Fun, Too
GLM, 35, 6'1", 185, 7" uc, br/br, HIV-, handsome, moustache, wants to meet you for safe sex, J/O, WS, feet and lots of fun. Any race, I'll answer all. PO Box 13742, Berkeley 94701 or call ★★1226.

Tired Of Games???
Me too! Romantic GWM, 37, 5'11", 150 lbs., brown eyes, light brown hair, HIV-, nonsmoker/drinker. Seeks GAM, 28-34, for romance, intimacy and possible long-term relationship. I like long walks, movies, museums, oriental food and, most important, time together and cuddling into the night. You wanna give it a try? Call ★★1227.

Dare To Love Somebody
Black male, 45, 5'9", 165, seeks a muscular or stocky, attractive, clean-cut, white male, 38-58. I like fat butts, strong legs, firm bodies. Looks unimportant. Healthy, HIV-, down-to-earth types. Friendship first! Passion second! Marriage third. Short stocky guys okay too. Photo a must. Boxholder, PO Box 28283, Oakland 94604. Jazz, blues, baseball card fans wanted too. Older men considered.

Little Brother
East Bay grad student, GWM, 28, 6', 180#, seeks shy, inexperienced younger brother for fun times. Pure mutual pleasure—massage and J/O. HIV-. Always safe. No pressure, head-games or relationship desired. Just play. Asians and Latinos, 18-26, especially encouraged. I will lead. You won't be disappointed. Send letter and picture. Will return. Reply BT Box SP96B.

Very Good-Looking Top Seeks Bottom
I'm 31, 5'10", 165 lbs., blond, HIV-, creative, stable, communicative, extremely safe. I like B/D, light-to-moderate S/M, master/slave roles and cute, submissive boys (under 35) who love to lick and suck. I dislike sleaze, intoxicants, smoke, bars. If you're ready to kneel and wear a collar, serve and have fun, call ★★1228.

East Bay Suburbanite
I am seeking a nice, affectionate, clean-cut East Bay gay white male, 24-34, who enjoys conversations, outdoor activities, and quiet evenings, who is health-conscious, sensitive, spiritual, relationship/friendship oriented and monogamous. I am a healthy gay white college student with dark hair, green eyes, 5'10", 150 lbs., 27, and clean-cut. I am down-to-earth, passionate, positive and spiritual. All responses are welcome. Reply BT Box SP97B or call ★★1229.

Time To Get Off The Merry-Go-Round?
Attractive, professional GWM, young-looking, late 40s, 5'9", 175 lbs., blue eyes, curly (s&p) hair, seeks professional GBM, 30s, average height, slim/athletic build. We are both ready for a long-term romantic relationship based on love and true friendship. We enjoy good food, good music (soul, jazz), stimulating conversations, travel (whenever we can), fun times with mutual friends, quiet walks alone along beautiful beaches. Isn't it time to give up the shallow, brittle, short-term relationships? Call ★★1230.

Mature Leather Dad
GWM, 59, graying brown hair/beard, 5'10", 140#, HIV-, NS, ND, light drinker, seeks affectionate GWM, 38+, as friend/lover for caring, intimate relationship in SF. Leather is turn-on for both, but not a requirement for great safe sex. No S/M. Enjoy classical music, films, theater, entertaining and more. Sense of humor +. Letter & photo (returned). Reply BT Box SP98B.

ND, NS, Lovable
Me: 41, 5'8", 150, hairy, 'stache, bottom, HIV+. You: tall, weight in proportion, top, honest. We: enjoy movies, theater, beach, camping, sports and staying home and sexually satisfying each other. We are honest, trustworthy, affectionate, caring, able to express our feelings and able to share equally in a relationship. We also cherish our home together. Call ★★1231.

Seeking Very Thin Asian
Handsome, professional GWM finds very thin Asians irresistible. You'll discover I'm caring, nurturing, generous, romantic, sometimes frivolous. I'm 50 (look 30s), Jewish, professional, 5'9", 180, moustache. I don't smoke or drink, I'm HIV-, work out regularly. My interests include cooking, PBS, classical music, travel (I'm studying Thai). I'm open to a one night stand, casual affair or life-long commitment. Call ★★1232.

Reality Not Fantasy
(Read: Us—not us) GWM, 38, 5'9", 165, brn/brn, moustache, who like me is attractive (guy next door—not man on cover), sexual (safe, not celibate, HIV-), intelligent (Discovery, not PBS), healthy (toned, not honed), commanding (Picard, not Kirk), unique (iconoclast, not clone), proud (streets, not closet), committed (long-term, not one-night), single (alone, not lonely). Call (now, not later) ★★1233.

Extra, Extra
Read all about it. GWM, 39 y.o., 6'1", 175, brn/brn, cleanshaven, prof., HIV-, outgoing, hikes, friends, travel, music, art, life, no smoking/drugs, seeks l.t.r. with like kind. Call soon. This offer doesn't last long. Call ★★1234.

A Dinner Date?
What about an old-fashioned date for dinner and conversation (without any making out or pressure to go home together afterward)? If you are slim to average build, beardless, at least 10 years younger and not a drinker, I know I'd be interested! I'm 50, HIV-, a GWM, cleanshaven, tall, slim, educated, Midwesterner and definitely not an activist. Write Boxholder, PO Box 2282, SF 94126 or call ★★1235.

Read Me
Me: Jewish GWM, 29, honest, intelligent, slightly cynical, down-to-earth, sometimes shy, sometimes funny; successful yet not obsessed with social status. My interests include skiing, film and, in quiet ways, community activism. I'm looking to meet men 25-35, HIV-, reasonably fit, with similar background and interests for friendship, dating and (eventually) possible relationship. Who you are is more important to me than your "statistics." Physically, I've got strong ethnic Russian Jewish features, brown hair, hazel eyes; I'm HIV-, 5'6", 165 lbs., with a stocky build that I've been working into shape through jogging and weightlifting. Interested? I'd like to hear/read about you. Reply BT Box SP99B or call ★★1236.

36 Seeks 18
Had the long-term relationship. Content with single and dating. Exploring people as I should have been able to do in my adolescence. Loving my youth, health, and prosperity. Looking for someone half my age. A wealth of respect, experience and fun to share. I'm a handsome, professional, 6'1", 185, brown/hazel, HIV-, broad, water dog, verbal, emotional, clever, versatile, self-winding, sun worshipper. The perfect you would be my height/taller, blond/blue, trim, tanned (the physical parameters are not requirements), urban outdoorsman, hiker, cycler, swimmer, seeking wisdom, looking for fun. Call ★★1237.

Let's Cuddle With Clinton & Gore
Election night approaches. Alas, where is my cuddle bunny? Bright, cheerful, optimistic nonsmoker seeks same to share special moments & date our way into love. Extra points for good kissers who can cry at movies, smile at sunsets and communicate honestly, even when afraid. I'm 38, HIV-, moustached. No drug users or heavy drinkers need respond—not my cup of tea. Aloha. Call ★★1238.

Third Time's The Charm
My first two personal ads brought me an interesting collection of letters, but not much else. This handsome, 34-year-old GWM is looking to date and possibly more. I'm 6'1", 195, dark hair and eyes and insist on sleeping on the right side of the bed. I'm a great catch for an intelligent, politically aware, sparkling conversationalist like yourself. I am frequently, though not exclusively, attracted to men smaller than myself, who have a positive outlook on life, are hard-working and successful. Mediterranean looks are another turn-on. I have remarkably varied interests which include cooking, dining out, movies of all kinds, performing arts, etc. I am an out-of-the-mainstream individual who enjoys the "underground" scene (Uranus, Fusion, Kommotion) as much as the opera and symphony. If any of this is remotely appealing, drop a line. Reply BT Box SP100B or call ★★1239.

GWM, 28, 5'9", 140 lbs., brown hair, hazel eyes. Boyishly cute (so I've been told). Interests: music (alternative to Dusty Springfield), photography, exploring new places, travel, reading, current and global affairs, Eastern Europe, self-exploration, spirituality (not religion!). Slightly cynical but very optimistic. Looking for cute guy, 26-35, to explore similar interests, dating, intimacy, sex and ? Must be open-minded, stable, honest. Republicans or flakes need not apply. Call ★★1240.

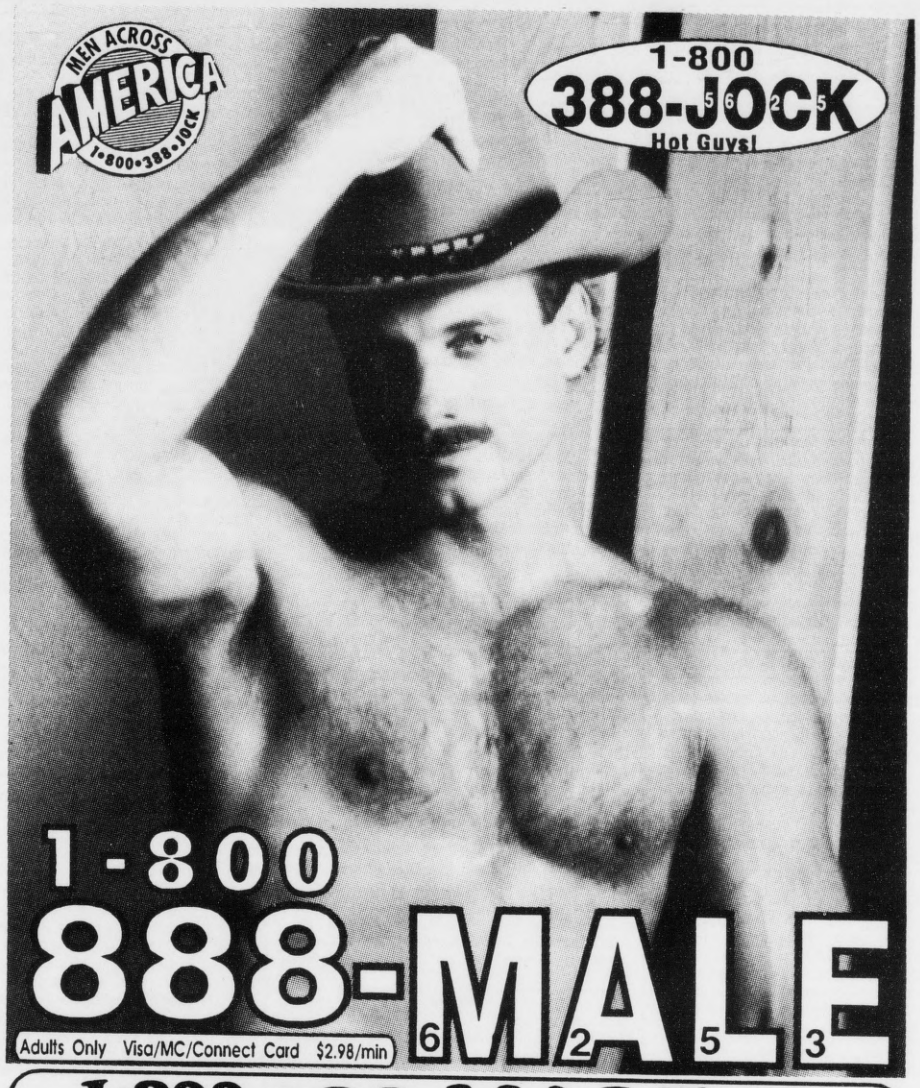
Sexy Seniors Seek Same
We: gracious, responsible WMs, educated, ultra-clean, affable and cautious. No drugs. Daytime, many E. Bay. All answered. Reply BT Box SP101B or call ★★1241.

Rectal Exam
Older, balding GWM gives safe, intensely exciting rectal exams—includes inspection, lubed finger inserted and full prostate massage. Get on all fours while the doctor does his work on your exposed butthole. Jack off and experience the ultimate cum. Prefer under 40, although guys with special requests considered. Raunch, lite spanking too. Latins and particularly uncuts get very special exam. Call now for appointment. Call ★★1242.

Seeking Couple
Latin, 44, 5'5", 220#, smoker, hairy, average looking, cleanshaven, masculine, discreet, professional. Not into bar or club scene. I have a hot, horny bottom that loves getting fucked on a regular basis. Would like to meet white, Latin couple, 40+, for weekday and weekend, hot, 3-way, safe action. 2339 El Camino, Box 163-E, Santa Clara 95051. (San Jose area only.)

Opening Night At The Opera
We exchanged glances and greetings during the intermissions in the lobby. We are both tall and handsome. You appeared to be by yourself; I was with friends. I was interested. Were you? Call ★★1243.

Queer Pagan With Long Red Hair
Still looking for that special sweet man to explore the universe with in magical ways. Loving, emotionally open, Aries, hermetic Qabbalist, PWARC creating long-term survival, 34, 5'11", 148, Russian River resident, seeks cute pagan for mutually



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Body Language
Wear the underwear, boxers of course. Start the coffee. Play the music. Echoe. Emotional passion. Physical touch. White sheets entangling naked passion. Queer love. Relationship. My dreams, our reality. A mirror. Reflect yourself, be real. Paint thy canvas with words of humor. Color. Young beauty. Evian water seeking carbonated seltzer. A date. Boyfriend. Boy. Friend. Call ★★1245.

30-year-old bi man, progressive, attractive, articulate, professional. I like the usual: film, camping, reading, breakfast in bed. Am hoping to meet a man committed to social justice and me for a loving, honest and intimate relationship. Seems unlikely at times, but I haven't lost hope (completely). Write and tell me about yourself. Reply BT Box SP102B.

Men Are Scum
"They only want one thing...." That's what my friend Lily tells me. But being a hopeless romantic, I have faith that I will meet someone of substance. A young man of 28, I've much to offer. 5'8", black hair, warm brown eyes and striking good looks on a smooth, gym-toned physique. More importantly I am HIV-, educated, professional and thoughtful. I ask that you be HIV-, under 31, intelligent and have a warm heart and good sense of humor. Call and show me Lily is wrong. Call ★★1246.

That Special Chemistry
GWM, 37, 5'11", 170, brn/brn, moustache, HIV+, healthy, highly educated professional, nonsmoker, good sense of humor, easygoing. I enjoy movies, old TV shows, good music, dancing, walks in the country or city, sports, beaches, sunsets, traveling and good conversation; raised Catholic, turned Episcopalian/MCC. Looking for same, 30-45—professionally employed, stable, mature, not into head games—for friendship, dating and maybe that special chemistry. PO Box 7142, Napa 94558 or call ★★1247.

Beyond MTV
Good-looking, athletic GWM—a healthy, masculine entrepreneur. I'm 36, 5'10", 165#, brown hair, dark brown eyes. I like to work hard and play hard, have Midwestern values with cosmopolitan tastes: good wine, great jazz. I'm looking for someone to be close with who is 85 percent like me, but younger, and who shops at the Gap. Call ★★1248.

Hey, Latin Guys!
I would like to hear from good-looking Latin guys (Puerto Rican, Cuban, Brazilian, etc.) for dating and possible relationship. You should be someone who is 18-35, HIV-, 5'9" or shorter, nonsmoker, who likes sports, staying in shape, traveling and cuddling. I am an attractive, masculine, GWM, 40, 6', HIV-, brown hair, blue eyes, nonsmoker. Write to J.M., PO Box 31630, SF 94131 or call ★★1249.

Jockey Shorts And Spanking
Does this combination turn you on? Kinky, muscular guy, 33, 5'10", 180, seeks solid, beefy, older guys (40-60), into rough and passionate sex. Sensitive nipples like mine a+. Special interest in men's underwear a turn-on. Prefer nonsmoker and no drugs. Call ★★1250.

Nice Guys
Turn me on. This 30-year-old, 6', 170 lb., cleanshaven, nonsmoking, HIV- guy is seeking fellow nice guys for oral sex, kissing, touching, chatting, listening to music and generally hanging out. You must be nonsmoking. Preferably you are cleanshaven, not too fat or skinny, about 25-45. Why not call? We can learn more about each other. Call ★★1251.

Avoiding Spam
Fog, sweet doggy breath, afternoon light, baby drool, Mary McCarthy, moonlit skin, Neeley O'Hara, reading aloud, reeling over the scent on the nape of a neck, irregular weaves, the sound of Catalan. I am 31, HIV-, fair and blondish, athletic, independent, quirky, not fond of "acting" or "appearing," but respectful of genuine subtlety, uncontrived smiles, contrast. You are darker, HIV-, right-angular and do not mate well in captivity. Call ★★1252.

A Great Future
GWM, 27, blond hair, blue eyes, 6'1", swimmer's build, handsome, strong features, outgoing personality, romantic. Interests: candlelit dinners, walks on the beach, travel. Most interested in GWM, 24-33, handsome, modern or new wave looking. Interested in dating & a relationship-oriented future together. Picture preferred, returned. Reply BT Box SP103B.

Top Seeks Top
Good-looking top, worn and frayed by bottom shenanigans, seeks butch, squared-away top who wants to give it up without giving up face. If you need a buddy to tie you up and work you over, this sadistic QM, 33, dark eyes/hair/moustach, is down with restraint, spanking, pain and other diabolical forms of endurance training. You: a hot grown-up no longer mystified by what makes you tick; a rough boy who appreciates being persuaded to turn over; a blue-collar butt brother. Bent thugs, macho studs and juvenile delinquents encouraged to apply. Call ★★1253.

Lust Or Love
I have a healthy, positive attitude about sex and yearning for enduring love. Unbridled passion, noble friendship, emotional intimacy all have proper places in my life. You can let me fill you up with my manhood or ride me like a wild bronco or let me into your heart and life—please be clear about what you want. I have handsome, youthful, Asian/Latin features, sculptured, muscular physique (real hot), silky, olive skin, strength of character, successful career, openness, outgoing, affectionate temperament. You: attractive, fit and ?? Letter/photo would be nice. Reply BT Box SP104B or call ★★1254.

Exhibitionist/Voyeur
34 y.o. GWM, 5'8", 150, br/bl, very attractive, cleanshaven, very muscular, HIV-, seeks attractive, muscular, HIV- participant and/or voyeur under 38 for J/O, show off, light ass play and other creative sessions. No beards. Call ★★1255.

Hand Man At The Ready
Do you like the feel of your dick nestled in another man's hand? Do you like the slow, slick attention of another guy's fingers on your root? Is that the kind of trip that could make you shoot? If so—let's connect. Reply Boxholder, PO Box 426648, SF 94142.

East Bay Gay
Intelligent, witty, politically aware (progressive), private, Libra Caucasian man of Arab descent, who is 30 y.o., 6'1", 225 lbs., healthy HIV+, very hairy (black), seeks white or Latin man around 25-40, comfortable with self, nonsmoker, for friendship, weekend activities, possible sex. I like reading, classical music, conversation, silly banter, complaining, doing nothing. Shared interests are nice, but shared world view more important. Reply BT Box SP105B or call ★★1256.

Still Looking For You!
Very attractive, very young 60, 5'8", 155, Italian, HIV-, brown/bald/brown, nonsmoker, short beard/moustache, hairy chest, uncut seeks monogamous lifemate. I'm honest, dependable, clean, neat, considerate, all around nice guy. Enjoy home, reading, movies, board games, plants, conversation, quiet times. You're mature and in good shape as I am. If business owner I'd relocate. All answered. Photo appreciated. Boxholder, Box 6043, Eureka 95502-6043 or call ★★1257.

Black Bottom
Handsome, 30 y.o., BGM. Seek masculine, muscular top man who wants a hot bitch type who loves to slurp and lick big dicks, party w/snow (you treat). Live, presently, in E. Bay and want a regular, loving partner. All types, esp. Latin, Asian and Middle Eastern types. You won't be disappointed. Send picture. I aim to please. Call ★★1258.

Ring!
The alarm clock sounds 7:00. It's another Monday morning. I roll over in the bed and gently drape my arm over your shoulder. "Time to get up," I whisper. You lift your head, your eyes flit open, and we smile at each other. After a big hug, it seems just a bit easier to get up and begin the day. Maybe we've got leftovers from the weekend dinners to wrap up and take to work. Maybe one of us has to work out the final details on our upcoming weekend trip. Maybe we're still both a little sore from the bicycle ride we took together. Syrupy romantic talk? Perhaps... but what's wrong with a good romance where we both keep our heads and "don't make the mistakes that other lovers do." I'm professionally employed, and am somewhat active in local gay/lesbian community affairs. We're both nonsmokers, we don't do drugs and we drink only very occasionally. We both know it's important to enjoy life and its mysteries, and we both "think and act young," even if I'm in my (very) early 30s. (You'd never know by looking.) We're both more at home listening to Live 105 or KSCU than to (yuck) KSJO or (bletch) KABL. You're probably within about 30 minutes of Sunnyvale. Want to explore more? Then don't just sit there... call ★★1259! We might get an enjoyable dinner out of it—or we might get more! As the big guy with the glasses say, "You can't win if you don't enter!"

East Bay, Lake Merritt area, blue eyes, 29, HIV-, believes in matrifocal values, a Goddess who loves all humanity, compassion, nature and nature's God, denying church and patriarchal oppression; fantasizes about cottage in forest, the world of leprechauns, faeries; not into election; not "professional"; seeks gentle, virus-free, loving guy around my own age, into true love, dreams come true and healing Earth and human family with our happiness. Call ★★1260.

Positive Romantic
Looking for other romantic, sexy, handsome, HIV+ guys for fun, romance, lust. I'm a GWM, 37, very good-looking, br/gr, lean, muscular, defined 150 lbs., 5'11". I like guys who are handsome, sexy, well-built and know how to have a good time. If you're 25-40, above average on the outside and together on the inside and interested in dating, give me a call. Let's have fun! Call ★★1261.

Looking For A Real Bro
—One to take hikes with, speak heart to heart, read Kerouac and the other beat boys, get right with jazz and celebrate Jerry's comeback show, rediscover SF's bohemian glory in this slacker age, sneak into the Arboretum in the moonlit dark? I'm 34, brown-eyed, Jewish, rosy-cheeked, bearish I guess, seeking younger pal/musician/artist/writer to love the world with while we're here. Call ★★1262.

Lonely?
Me too. Not looking for Mister Perfect to fall in love with, however, the option to fall in love is always open. Vital statistics unimportant, but prefer smooth man/boy body. You and I would spend quiet time cuddling together naked, watching movies, maybe go for a walk, and get to know one another, especially in the biblical sense. Take a chance, call me. Call ★★1263.

Single Looking For Enhancement
That's me, one charming Anglo male—copper hair, green eyes, tall, slim, 28, nice smile, terrific looks, fair skin. Hoping to find one compatible, dark-featured (Latino, Italian) guy for titillating fun and unabashed frolicking. Must be easygoing, insatiable, affectionate, sexy, natural, great looking, in-shape, progressive, intelligent, adventurous, sincere, sensual, uninhibited, optimistic, humorous, aware, secure, self-assured, creative, stimulating, unconventional, 25-30. Call ★★1265.

Tall, Dark & Italian
American born, attractive, 6'2", dark hair & eyes, husky build, moustache & hairy chest, masculine & straight appearing, young-looking 40s, healthy HIV+, successful, happy, outgoing, fun-loving & romantic. Interested in gardening, carpentry, outdoors, traveling, dining out, wine tasting, contemporary music, movies & much more. Moderate drinker & smoker. Seeking a slim, quality man with good outlook on life. Reply: 1547 Palos Verdes Mall, #170. Wanut Creek 94596-2228 or call ★★1266.

Enthusiastic Head For Horny Man
Hungry mouth looking for horny partner who enjoys expert oral servicing, for intense sessions. No commitments—just spontaneous, discreet action. Prefer 25 to 40, tight body and totally into oral attention. Financial district days, East Bay, SF evenings. Reply BT Box SP106B or call ★★1267.

Outdoorsman
Looking for buddies to enjoy outdoor fun and bedroom adventures. I'm a good-looking GWM, 43, blond/blue, 180 lbs., 6'1", in-shape and HIV-. Love to travel, bike, hike, scuba, garden, cook & explore. Not into bars, cologne or "the scene." Independent-minded and follow my own beat. Left-leaning and feminist. Your photo gets mine. Thanks. Reply BT Box SP107B or call ★★1268.

I'm Hairy, Husky & Humorous
GWM, 37, 5'9", 190 lbs., HIV-, balding, with handlebar moustache, who enjoys films, bicycling, sci-fi & walks. Seeks attractive, boyish-looking guy, 20 to 30, for fun & possible relationship, who's not into bars & who enjoys versatile safe sex & more. Call ★★1269.

South Bay Asian Preferred
GWM, 27, 6', 175#, seeks close friendship/relationship. Looking for a respectable guy who may be bright, curious, spontaneous, expressive, direct and enthusiastic. Maybe you are shy and lonely, yet open to creating a loving relationship too. Character more important than looks, though I'm often attracted to slim, innocent, intellectual Asians in their 20s. I enjoy guitar, VB, traveling, movies, romance and learning most new things. Sunnyvale. Call ★★1270.

Rev Up The Wok!
I'm a 29 y.o., inner-directed, sinewy, horny, redhead, vegetarian, novice biker with a ready smile and warm heart. I like sweaty hikes, soul kissing, nature sketches, miso messes, dewy mornings, lewd haiku, jazz, silence, okra, chrome and all night long. You are thirtyish, in-shape, live clean, want a monogamous relationship and can look upon the appalling and absurd with equanimity and compassion. Let's cook. Call ★★1271.

Looking For One
Tired of weekends alone and casual sex that goes nowhere, yet both wanting and believing in something better? Me too! I'm mid-40s, 5'11", 160 lbs., brown/blue, HIV-, in-shape, attractive. Interests include: politics, weekend drives, exploring city neighborhoods, movies, massage, dinner together in or out. No drugs, light drink. Let's meet for coffee, etc. Call ★★1272.

Brother/Lover/Mate
GWM, 40, 5'11", 170#, youthful, healthy, caring video artist, seeks monogamous relationship with adventurous, young man who would like to spend quality time camping, hiking, sailing on my boat and sharing the natural rhythm of life. Let's exchange feelings, build trust, let intimacy grow, create a long-term commitment and have fun along the way. Reply Boxholder, 1001 Bridgeway, #428, Sausalito 94965 or call ★★1273.

Seeking A Black Mate
For my buddy who's having a difficult time meeting Mr. Right. He's a GWM, 45, 5'11", 155, HIV-, trim beard and attractive. Interests: travel, dining out, reading, films, theater, most music, cooking and romantic evenings at home to name a few. You're preferably masculine, 25-40, HIV, top, honest, sincere, stable, NS, ND and not a slave to the bar scene. He'll reply to all serious responses. Photo? D.M. c/o R.S., Box 28641, Oakland 94604 or call ★★1274.

Show Me Yours, I'll Show You Mine
Short, 5'5", good shape, hairy legs, ass, w/e, 39 y.o., voyeur, likes to watch, be watched, J/O together. Any age, but must have hairy legs. Reply PO Box 640361, SF 94164-0361 or call ★★1275.

Oakland Midnight Cock Obsession
Masculine, aggressive guy into strictly mutual heavy dirty talk, jerk off, cock & ball worship while drinking, smoking, partying, seeking other masculine, aggressive, night owl party animals. Age, looks not important. Not into videos, shaved, tits, ass, couples, quickies. Into long scenes with men equally obsessed with cocks/balls, talking, stroking. Seeking buddies, not top-bottom freaks. Don't have car, so prefer my place. Call ★★1276.

I Was Put On This Earth To Make White Men Suffer
At least that's what my ex-boyfriend says about me. You look at me—short, smooth, boyishly attractive Asian—and fantasize that I'm this "innocent, little lotus blossom—soooo grateful you became my Save The Children sponsor after the Vietcong killed my parents." Well, fuck you and your oppressive, colonialist fantasies. This tattooed, pierced, queer, 20ish law student is turned on by fuzzy older guys and hunky queers. It helps if you're creative/artistic, tattooed/pierced, politically informed and progressive, and prefer Maxine Hong Kingston to Amy Tan. Please don't call if you're a Republican, New Ager, were "of color" in a previous life and are nostalgic (yawn), or have Douglas Simonson artwork on your walls. Call ★★1277.

Out Queer
Seeking extroverted, self-assured, emotionally available male under (that means not more than) 35, to meet with opinionated, loving, stable, broad-minded, 28-year-old, Spanish/Native American, 5'7", 140 lbs., dark brn hair, black eyes and boyish looks. Must have evil sense of humor and be able to laugh at yourself. I value my independence, honesty, trust and friends. You should, too. Reply BT Box SP108B or call ★★1278.

Cocky?
Self-confident but not egotistical? Secure in your masculinity, but not afraid to be "queer"? Well, here I am, dammit! Settled into the city, but still looking for... for what, I don't know, but I'd like to have some company while I look. Someone fun, under 35, and able to speak in complete sentences. I'm 29, 6', slim, br/br, quick-witted and afraid of personals—but that doesn't mean you have to be. Reply BT Box SP109B or call ★★1279.

East Bay Cuddler
Good-looking, masculine, 6'2", light complexion Black man, hazel eyes, in good physical condition, 45 yrs. young, humorous, adventurous, seeking a Black/Asian/Hispanic friend, 30-45, for fun, travel, conversation, warmth, hugging and clean, safe sex. Call ★★1280.

Meet Me Over A Latte
Do you like to spend time with friends talking in a cafe? If you do, maybe we can spend some time together. I am 42, GWM, 135 lbs., 5'6". I like gray hair, beards, red hair and chubby, my age or older. If you want to make a new friend, call me. Call ★★1281.

Making Mr. Right
This is what I would create: A partnership built upon friendship and mutual desire. A relationship which stimulates my imagination and captivates me. A man who loves and accepts love. This man would be a unique individual with a strong sense of his self and of his world. He would be happy about the path he was traveling on. He would be a gentleman and a scholar, a romantic and an optimist, a teacher and a learner. He would love himself unpretentiously. He would love life. He would be a spiritual warrior. His physical being would be an outward expression of his inner self, not something he sculpts to seek the admiration of others. He would be inquisitive, spontaneous and sexually adventurous. He would feel equally comfortable in the presence of mighty redwoods and in a box at the opera. His greater gifts would be his willingness to love and his capacity for laughter. I am a GWM, 29, brown hair and eyes, cleanshaven, 5'10", 175, good-looking and comfortable with who I am. I am a spiritual, intelligent, educated thinker whose soul is unlocked by music. I enjoy reading to stimulate my mind and working out to stimulate my body. I've decided it's time to define and create what I want instead of wading through the river of opportunity. If you are at a similar point in your life; if you are out there, and I know you are, please write to me and send me a photo (returnable) of yourself. From your words, your smile, your eyes—I'll be sure of you. Reply BT Box SP110B.

Cute, Young, Sincere
Things are just swell, but wouldn't it be better if there were someone special! I am a student, 28, tall, with blondish hair, blue eyes, a lean, muscular build, with a rather cute, boyish look. I like having fun in and outdoors, travel, alt. music, eating, etc. I am comfortably out and like "queer" better than "gay." I am not picky about hair or eye color, but generally attracted to younger, mature guys who like themselves enough to be in a relationship. I'm not turned on by shi-shi, yuppie attitudes, but rather easygoing guys. East Bay, SF, a+. Photo exchange OK. Reply BT Box SP111B or call ★★1282.

Heart And Soul
Physically active, trim, professional, Asian, 44, 5'9", seeks a similar gym-toned, cleanshaven, altruistic WM for sharing eclectic experiences and being an adventurous companion. We enjoy ethnic foods, cultural arts, travel, camping, gardening, films, sports, workouts and humorous to intellectual conversations. With sincerity and sensitivity, we are capable of developing a relationship through mutual bonding based on our masculinity and maturity. Respond to PO Box 27042, SF 94127 or call ★★1283.

Moderate: Body And Soul
Asian, Latin or ?, 20-35; good-looking and good-natured, ethnic food, Falcon video but also seeking more serious stable Partner or just friends... music (pop, jazz, gospel, etc., etc.), Far Side humor, philosophy/A Higher Power, Kierkegaard, Twilight Zone, Van Gogh, Chaplin, Newhart, erotica, no heavy bar scene. I'm WM, 29, 5'9", 155#, hairy, cleanshaven, called good-looking. Letter & photo to: J.S., 41 Sutter St., #1565, SF 94104 or call ★★1284.

Single White Punk
37, 5'7", 140 lbs., HIV-, ex-smoker/user, always horny, seeks similar, ages 18-40. Pluses: tattoos, shaved head, colored hair, horny, East Bay. Sex buddy, maybe relationship... whatever. No fascists. Call ★★1285.

Looking For A Gym Buddy
Good-looking (considered very attractive by others) native San Franciscan of mixed Japanese heritage, interested in working out, relaxing with a massage, and stimulating conversations. Am 5'7", 145 lbs., 25 years old, tanned, and with a moustache. Seeking men with similar interests in working out in and out of the weight room. Interested in meeting hot men, in arousing talk and to work out to build up a sweat. Call ★★1286.

C&W Partner Wanted
By attractive GAM for dancing on a regular basis. I am an experienced dancer and am comfortable with two-stepping, waltzing and line-dancing. I can lead and follow as well as provide instructions for beginners. Also interested in PBS programs, symphony, opera and cultural events. If interested, please call ★★1287.

Be Independent Together
I'm independent, have a life and desirous of enhancing it through an adult relationship. Men I like are coherent, intelligent, resourceful and in-shape (really). I ask that you be HIV-, an energetic 35-50, NS, ND and free of right-wing dementia. As the muscular, better-looking third of smart, Black triplets, I swear I've got a good sense of humor. Reply BT Box SP112B.

Handsome, Playful, Substantial
In-shape (6'1", 185#), HIV-, early 40s, GWM, w/dark eyes, hair & moustache, wants to meet an emotionally stable, confident & physically fit "regular guy" (30-45 y.o., over 5'10", masculine & sexually dominant). Some of my interests include adventure travel, scuba diving, BB, motorcycles, jazz & classical music. I'm upbeat, flexible and open to new experiences and whatever seems to work. Call ★★1288.

Looking For Friends
Who are sincere, honest, with a sense of humor. Age/race unimportant. No drug addict/weirdo please. Myself: Asian, 40 yrs., husky, nice, enjoy swimming, photography, hiking, movie, dining out. Please reply to PO Box 590602, SF 94159 or call ★★1289.

Let's Make Love, Once Or A Lifetime
There's a difference between having sex and making love. I'm a lover, GWM, 5'9", 158, blond, 40s, HIV+, smoker. My man may be slightly younger and shorter, or not. He's definitely cheerful and intelligent. We're both oral, great kissers, like nipple work, are creative and affectionate. Let's make love first. Later, pillow talk removes the awkwardness and pretense of coffee dates. We'll have a great time, once or forever. Call ★★1290.

Massage Buddy
Seeking attractive, HIV- men, under 32, to exchange massage. Would like to learn from the experienced and explore with the novices (serious only). Enjoy Swedish and Shiatsu, but simple back rubs can be equally pleasing. I'm HIV-, in my 20s, attractive, intelligent and intuitive. I've a smooth, tanned, gym-toned body which is nice to massage. Let's untense those muscles, stimulate those chakras, and release those endorphins. Call ★★1291.

Gray Beards & Heads Full Of Books
Really turn me on. It's a peculiar fixation—the professor fetish—that I guess I'll just have to learn to live with. I'm in my mid-20s, clean-cut, well-read and eager to meet someone who could croon Barthes in my ear and think it was as sexy as I would. Bearded, balding, stocky, hairy, shy, able to tutor in French or Hebrew are qualities that are respected (though certainly not absolutely necessary). A photo is appreciated. Reply BT Box SP113B or call ★★1292.

Looking For A Match
Tall, athletic, large-framed, somewhat shy Cal grad student, 24, seeks basketball and tennis partners, friends and people who are open to a wide range of personal possibilities. Beneath my reserve beats a warm, caring heart. Beneath my seriousness lies a wicked, though affectionate sense of humor. When I smile, my whole face lights up. Why don't you make me smile while we're being ultra-competitive on the court? Call ★★1293.

Well-built, playful, attractive, masculine, nonstereotypical GAM, professional, 45, 5'3", 127 lbs., seeks athletic guys, 30+, for running and day hikes. Other interests include weight training, museums, live theater and cooking. Career-oriented, Pacific Northwest native with busy schedule wants to meet someone who is non-smoker, independent, has solid values and a sense of humor for companionship and/or maybe more. Write PO Box 29816, Oakland 94604 or call ★★1294.

Young GWM Seeks GAM
Attractive white guy, 24, 5'9", 155 lbs., with a good heart, intelligent mind and nice body, wishes to share any or, preferably, all of the three with a genuine, good-looking, trim, Asian guy, under 30. Please no queens or superficial persons. Reply BT Box SP114B or call ★★1295.

I Want Us To...
Go to the beach and watch the sunset; rent movies and cuddle on the couch; stroll the Castro holding hands; go hot tubbing; go to political marches and rallies; go out to clubs and dance; kiss passionately; explore intimacy and build trust. I'm an HIV+ GWM, 31 y.o., 6'2", 180#, br/gr, cleanshaven, in-shape and good-looking. You: 21-38 y.o., HIV+, and open to friendship, fun and romance. Call ★★1296.

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Circle This
Attractive 28½-year-old QWM, currently attracting. I'm looking for someone interesting who is equally at home in Mormon underwear or a clown suit. Me: I'm a guy. You: you're a guy. Simple, huh? You will call now. You will call now. You will call now. Reply BT Box SP115B or call ★★1298.

My Gentle GAM
Your smooth skin and hungry soul await my tender touch. You are short, drug-free and healthy, but wonderfully imperfect. You may be modest or shy but can tell me what you enjoy, and love being safely touched and explored by someone you can trust, without expectations or obligation. Me: GWM, 30s, 5′7″, 150#, brown hair/beard, HIV-, average looks, sincere and discreet. Reply BT Box SP116B or call ★★1299.

It's So Hard...
To find good friends. GWM, 34, seeks GWMs, similar age, for honest, sincere, fun, platonic friendships and help in relocating to SF from Atlanta in near future. Me: attractive, blond/blue, moustache, trim beard, 6′, 170 lbs., HIV-. Interests include movies, dining, music (Stansfield, jazz my faves), cars, travel, walking, hiking, beach. Nonsmokers preferred; no drugs a must (social drinking okay). Reply BT Box SP117B or call ★★1300.

Old Age Turns Me On
Are you uncut, over 60 y.o., HIV-, warm, average looks okay, any race or size, looking for a friend + ? Salt & pepper hair, white hair, even bald head, moderately overweight is okay. Me: Black man, early 40s, great-looking body, hung, smooth & muscular, sensuous, sensual, HIV- & looking to develop friendship with you if you possess those qualities above. Please be serious. 227 Ellis St., #428, SF 94102 or call ★★1301.

Monogamous And Muscular
Sincere, romantic guy into working out, cooking, film, TV, art, theater, dancing, night life, gay events, Democrats, fashion, 501s, bodyworship, tit-play & J/O. I'm a smooth, muscular Asian, 5′7″, 150#, 40c, 30w, moustache, HIV-. No smokers, drugs. If you're relationship-oriented, gym-toned, similar interests, around 39, w/avg facial looks, call ★★1302.

Feathers
White, hairy, attractive and articulate man interested in getting together with men who enjoy licking, sucking, tickling bare feet and other sensitive spots. Long sessions in front of a fireplace, massage, cuddling and sensuously exploring each other's "hot spots" make a perfect evening. J/O with feet in face, watching toes wiggle and jerk drives me nuts! C'mon, write. I'm warm, sensual, sane, safe and single. Reply BT Box SP118B.

Walk A Different Path
Shy GWM seeks quality friendship with non-white GM. I find adventure in foreign travel instead of bars; pursue life, not just lust; value the inner being over appearance; and cherish companionship—not meaningless one-nighters. At 42, I'm stable and sincere, blond/blue, 5′6″, 160#, HIV+, healthy and active. I hope a masculine guy with similar characteristics desires a more meaningful life in a bi-racial relationship. Call ★★1303.

Slim Goodbody Seeks Older Beefcake
Smooth, smart, solid, 27, 5′10″, 155#, blond/hazel, prodigiously endowed, happy disposition, carefree joie de vivre, seeks handsome, husky (not fat), masculine, older babe (30-45), with big attributes: big arms, big heart, big weenie (I can be flexible with latter prerequisite—but not too much). If you desire a young man with experience far exceeding his years, then taste this scrumptious twinkie. Call ★★1304.

Hidden Treasure
Very attractive, 26 y.o., 6′1″, 165, honest, sincere, Liberian male, seeks stable, successful individual of quality, for enduring relationship, either intimate or just friendship. I enjoy films, reading, travel, romantic interludes, talking and learning about other cultures and languages. Shared interests are less important than chemistry. Come discover this hidden treasure. Would appreciate sincere responses only. Send photo. Reply BT Box SP119B or call ★★1305.

Masculine Man Sought
This interesting and very good-looking WM, 38, seeks a handsome, masculine man, 33-43, for relationship and great sex. Prefer confident, professional, open-minded, somewhat offbeat, dark and/or hairy. I'm 5′10″, cleanshaven, medium-length hair, firm body. Interested in having my submissive side explored by the right man (possibly into role-playing and discipline). Call ★★1306.

The Doctor's In
Playful and attractive, 23-year-old, GWM, medical student (5′11″, 155 lbs.), with a great sense of humor and pronounced zany streak, looking for 20-35-year-old, attractive, intelligent, fit and fun-loving man with similar qualities, for great conversations, serious frolicking, and possibly romance. Must, like myself, also be HIV-, outgoing, extremely adventurous, have definite direction in life, strong yet sensitive. No angst-ridden intellectuals, smokers, drugs, effeminate men or guys unable to let loose and get wild from time to time. Photo/letter to PO Box 9351, Stanford 94309 or call ★★1307.

Chavos!
Honest, sometimes cynical BM, early 20s, 5′6″, and clean-cut, seeking young, yet mature friends. I enjoy movies, house/R&B music, city life, parks, interesting conversation, quiet times, exploring and achieving goals. I'm particularly interested in meeting Latinos, 18-35, however, compatibility is more important. Pluses: similar age/height, interest or involvement in music industry. No drugs, atheists, sex-oriented or possessive relationships, effeminate men, persons who can't be discreet. Please write (photo optional). Reply BT Box SP120B or call ★★1308.

Flawed Warrior Seeking Romance
Handsome WM, big heart, twisted mind, young 40s, 5′8″, 135, lean and hot, versatile/top, strong discipline (meditation, martial arts), equally self-indulgent (coffee, wine), generally happy, want a good-humored boyfriend. You're probably 30-40, cute, fit (not buffed), cleanshaven, affectionate, bright, asymptomatic HIV+ (me too), have a life, want a cohort, leery of answering an ad and meeting a toad (me too). Reply BT Box SP121B or call ★★1309.

Married HIV+
30s, happily married, HIV+, healthy, handsome, tall, athletic, soft-spoken, caring type seeks handsome, sexual man who may have similar traits, who doesn't fear wives and kids, likes sports, traveling, discretion, who knows himself and likes what he sees. Photo and letter get response: "Occupant," PO Box 471121, SF 94147.

Up For Adventure
Attractive, 49-yr-old librarian/writer, nature addict and political activist, ready for equally adventurous comrade to share exploration of spirit and flesh. I'm 5′10″, 155 lbs., HIV-, have brown eyes and undisciplined silver hair. If you're also physically fit, turned off by the bar scene and are looking for an independent but potentially intimate and committed relationship, drop a line to Boxholder, PO Box 2853, Oakland 94609 or call ★★1310.

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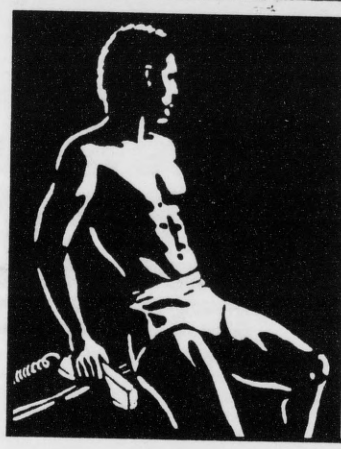
Come to dominant master and learn to serve every need and desire. Learn to take S/M practice to heavy action. Master rewards with positive strokes and punishes with lash/deprivation. Squeamish and new to scene—Don't Apply. Dedicate yourself to me. If you're lucky I will own/possess you. Strict rules, my limits are your goals. I am serious—you be too. No BS, just worship me. Call ★★1311.

Leather Daddy
Dominant daddy, 40, seeks younger to learn service with smile. Bondage, dungeon, cage, paddle, wax—your body is mine to use and enjoy. Share my talents and find safety in my arms. Learn to please me and belong to a man. Focus your life on me and throw off distracting bad habits and wasted efforts. Put your energy into meaningful service and find reward with this daddy. Call ★★1312.

Together
Masculine GWM desiring caring, monogamous relationship. I am 43, 5′7½″, 163 lbs., with light brown hair, brown eyes, moustache. I am also HIV+ (healthy). I have no illusions that it takes time and effort to create a strong & trusting relationship. I am a giving person who enjoys more than anything sharing experiences with a special someone. I enjoy a wide variety of activities, including the outdoors, cultural events, friends, walking, the gym and, yes, even quiet evenings at home. What I would enjoy most is to share



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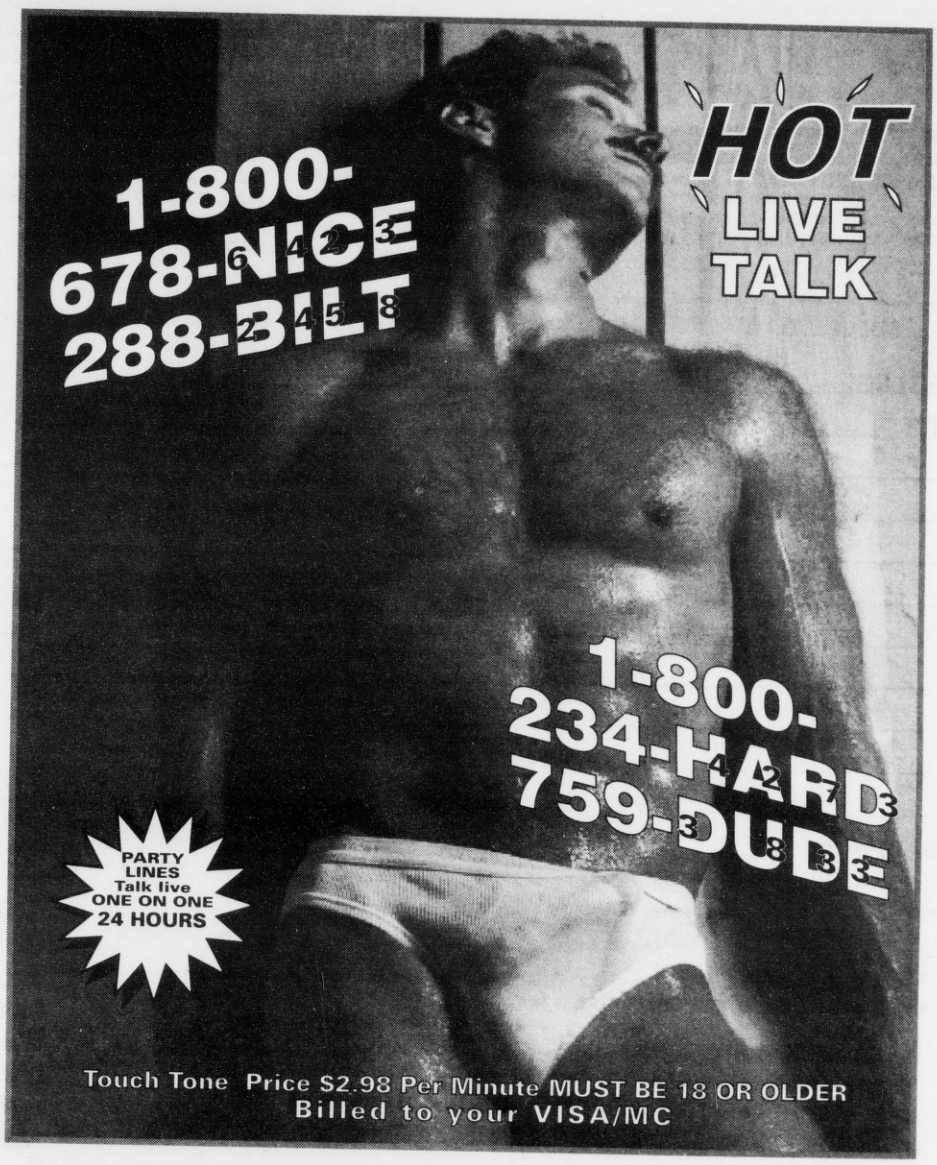

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these activities and more with a special person who is comfortable w/himself, who puts the "we" in a relationship, is willing to share his ups and downs, and who understands the genuine feeling of how important a hug and kiss is. You: preferably 40+, sexually versatile but enjoy being top, fit in mind, spirit, and body but most important, a desire to enjoy life. Reply BT Box SP122B or call ★★1313.

Seeking Shallowness
Mega-hot GAboy with hard, gym body and luscious, bubble butt, seeks equally studly white boy(s) who's interested in topping my horny bottom. I'm 25 y.o., 5'7", 135 hard muscle lbs., tanned, work out every day. You must be 22-35, gym body, top, looking for fun and meaningless, hot sex as an antidote to our productive and meaningful lives. Call ★★1314.

I'm Confused
I'm a good-looking, muscular, 29 y.o. QBM, who has no problem at all meeting men who want to have sex, but getting them to go on a date before sex... well, that's a different story! I know there are lots of nice, unmarried guys out there and dammit I'm going to find one. You are a masculine guy, 23 to 34 y.o., slim to muscular, fairly good-looking, any ethnicity and at least moderately intelligent. If you like punk/new wave, combat boots, art films and coffeehouses, give me a call. Call ★★1315.

Do Not Send Picture
Because I will not send mine. Charm me with a description of yourself inside and out. Not a photo image. This is an ad looking for a serious relationship. I am a handsome, 6'1", 175#, 36 y.o. gentleman. HIV+, full of life, a hopeless romantic, loving, sincere, secure with myself but sensitive, challenging but love to be challenging, honest and much more. Looking for someone similar, possibly a bit smarter, more creative, with a lot of patience. Turn-offs are smoking, recreational drugs, excessive alcohol, greater than or less than 10 percent of ideal body weight, lying, whining, money or power hungry people, less than 25 or over 40 and, of course, flakes. Reply BT Box SP123B or call ★★1316.

GAM Seeks GAM/GWM
Handsome and masculine gay Asian American, 32, 5'11", 165#, HIV-, enjoys romantic evenings, symphony, theater, movies, traveling and working out. I am looking for a GAM or GWM to share good times with and possibly leading to a long-term relationship. You must be 28-38, 5'8"+, masculine, intelligent, nonsmoking, non-drugs, HIV- and share similar interests. Drop a note (photo appreciated) to 1592 Union St., #82, SF 94123 or call ★★1317.

Be Fabulous!
Passionate writer, 22, recent college grad, idiosyncratic queer white man, incited by feminism, progressive/radical politics, house music, small presses, contradictions, flattops, striking landscapes, theory (hooks, Foucault, Dr. Seuss), green values, traveling, cool-n-sexy queer men... I'm looking for friends, similar age, ironic, intellectual but self-reflexive, totally goofy, into hanging out with me and my roommate (hot bi woman). Dick-size, musculature so irrelevant. Call ★★1318.

Latin Passion, Black Delight
Or Mid-Eastern treat. If you fit the description and are between 28 and 40, and are looking for something more than a one-nighter, give this 29 y.o., 5'9", 190 lb., teddy bear BM a call. Call ★★1319.

Class Act
I'm an attractive, exotic, Mediterranean guy, 25, 5'9" and 154#. I'm a grad stud. and enjoy working out, taking romantic walks, dancing and cuddling. You are 30-35, good-looking, moderately hairy and well-built WM, educated, easygoing, stable, passionate top, looking for a possible relationship in SF. Call ★★1320.

San Joaquin Horny Males
Where are you? Mature Asian male seeking buddies for dinner, movies and dating. 5'7½", 140 lbs., uncut and single. Willing to develop new friends. Love to give relaxing nude massages. All callers will be given a reply. Nothing ventured, nothing gained! Call ★★1321.

Black Uninhibited Exhibitionists Wanted
Men of color with leather/Levi interests wanted for solo J/O fantasy videos. Inexp. OK, but pluses include: body shaving, oil, uncut, cbb, cbt, bondage, ffb & toys. Must be 18+. Videos for private collection, but you get copy. Lotsa fun, so cum fulfill those fantasies on semi-pro VHS video. Call ★★1322.

22 y.o. man seeks other young queers for good times, in and out of bed. I'm shy to a point, opinionated and a bit arrogant. I look conservative (for this city) but am a radical thinker. My interests include music (Bach to Patsy Cline, Ella Fitzgerald to Depeche Mode), cooking, reading, talking. I'm looking for friendship first, then long, sweaty nights of hot sex. Humor and communication a must! Reply BT Box SP124B or call ★★1323.

Looking For Tarzan
Alternative QWBoy in search of native with heavy hung banana and nice set of coconuts for passion fruit penetration. Boy is slim build, medium height, short hair, goatee, burns, pierced, tattoo, do not carry race bias. Tarzan desired: super clean, safe, nice-looking, soft heart, sharp mind, buffed or skinny, 25-35 open. Couple is possible if chemistry is cool. Send some stats and specific dimensions over the grapevine. Reply BT Box SP125B or call ★★1324.

We Deserve The Best
I am a highly educated, successful GWM professional, who is handsome, HIV-, very youthful, 45, 5'10", and muscular. My interests include symphony and opera, benching 200 lbs. during my intense workouts, skiing in Aspen, savoring the beauty of a Pacific sunset, playing Mozart sonatas on my Steinway and preparing delicious meals for my friends. I offer enthusiasm, a great sense of humor, as well as the desire to develop a long-term relationship with a 25 y.o. plus, very muscular man who shares similar values and aspirations. Take a chance! Reply BT Box SP126B or call ★★1325.

Interested In Dating?
This Cal student wants to meet you to hang out on evenings and weekends. We can do dinner, sports, karaoke, movies, or we can just be mellow. Me: GAM, 24, 5'10", 145. I may be reserved at first, but I can warm up if the chemistry is right. You: sweet, under 35, attitude and addiction-free, cleanshaven, HIV-, friendship/relationship-oriented, have sound mind and body. Call ★★1326.

Shuck 'Em, Punk
Yeah, kickin' your feet with your jeans at your knees while I'm slappin' your butt. Grab your ankles, tough guy, butt up to stand a spanking that gets to you. Hurtin', punk? Service my big dick while the hurt digs in, makes your nuts gulp, waitin' for another stretch over my lap. I want hot, tight, fit, round-butted punk. No damage, safety first. I'm 35, 5'8", 140, hot, intelligent. Write 537 Jones, #444, SF 94103 or call ★★1327.

Anchors Away!
A house is not a home; a dog is not a bone; Eros left all alone; a poet without a poem—Get the picture! This prof, 43 y.o., 5'6", 145#, GBM, seeks first mate with meaty bait to enjoy sunrise and sunset in a shared "loveboat." Whether dry-dock or drowning in sensuous sweat, this career-minded dude wants a sure-bet in the TLC department. You're a prof, caring, self-controlled, open-minded, Latin, Black or Mideastern, gym-toned, HIV-, versatile (top), b/n 28-50 years old, interested in sharing the magic of your soul and the splendor of our ways that we both might enjoy better days and nights for that matter. Send word and photo. Reply BT Box SP127B or call ★★1328.

The Bigger They Are—The Harder I Fall
My pop always knew I loved football, but he didn't know I had my mind on more than just the game. So now I'm looking for a big, strong guy to be pals with, to do guy stuff with and tackle me on a regular basis. I'm 30, 5'9", trim and well-muscled, with great arms and a nice little butt. A clean, handsome, masculine, regular, unaffected guy. Brown eyes, hair, nice 'stache. I love to camp, fish, hike, bike, work out hard, cuddle, cruise my pick-up, home improvement and good conversation. But most important, I'm well-grounded and one hell of a nice guy. Hope you are too. Call for kick-off time! 20824 Mission Blvd., #822, Hayward 94541 or call ★★1329.

Guys With Glasses
Guys with glasses turn me on! I like the collegiate or corporate jock look and guys who combine it with a Bohemian adventurousness have a great style. I'm 5'10", 165 lbs., dark hair, green eyes, educated, 29-year-old. I'm told I'm very handsome and look like a college jock. I'm into guys with a great look, an interesting lifestyle, the ability to hold an intelligent conversation and aren't afraid to let loose now and then. If this is you and you're a nice guy, we should talk. Call ★★1330.

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